

## Introduction to SCMs

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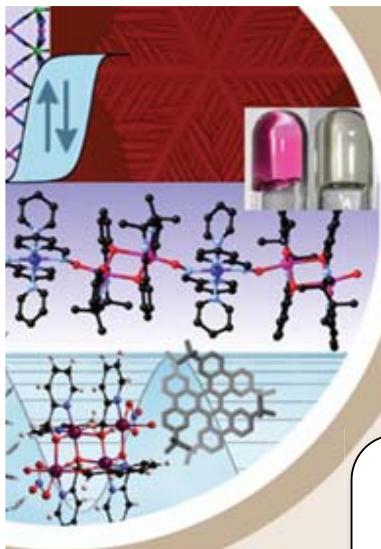
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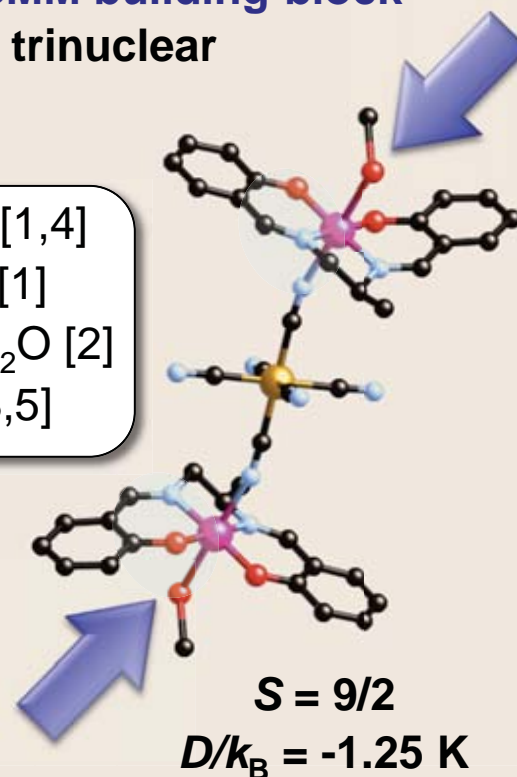
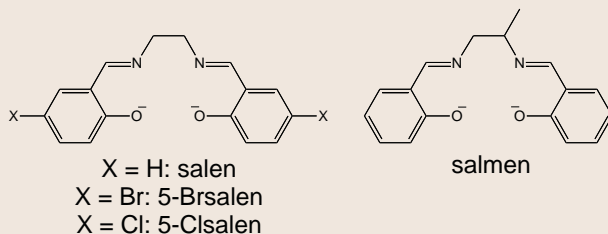
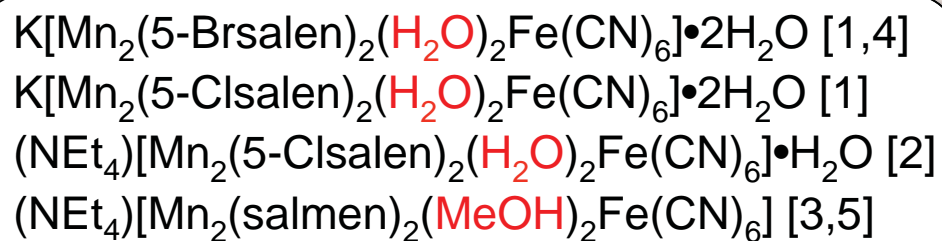
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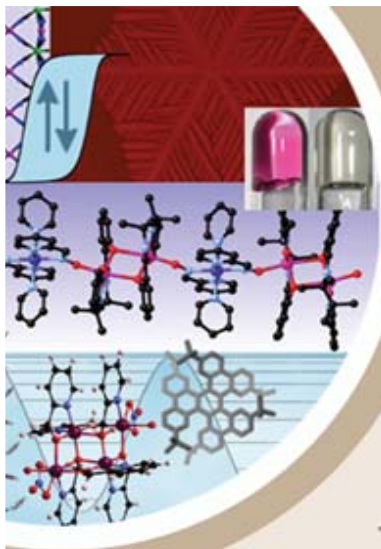


## An example of Single-Chain Magnets

A real system made by design: a SMM building-block  
 $[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})\text{-Fe}^{\text{III}}(\text{CN})_6\text{-Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{salen})]$  trinuclear  
 complexes:



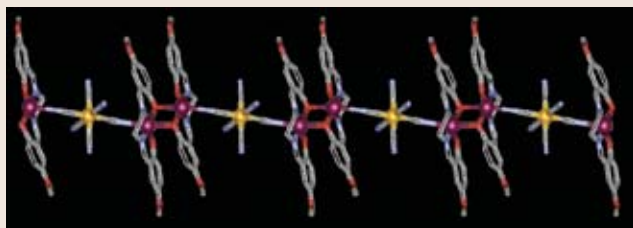
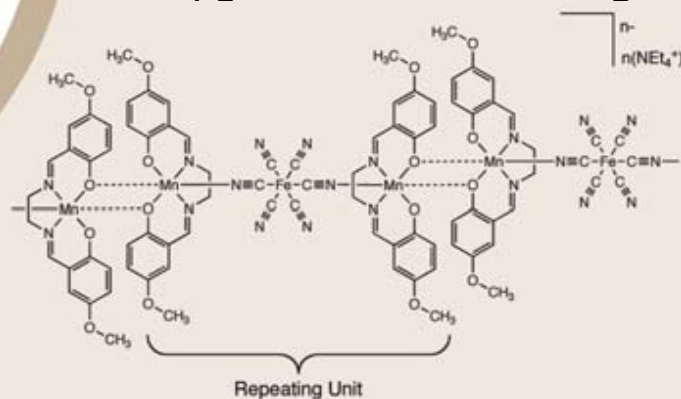
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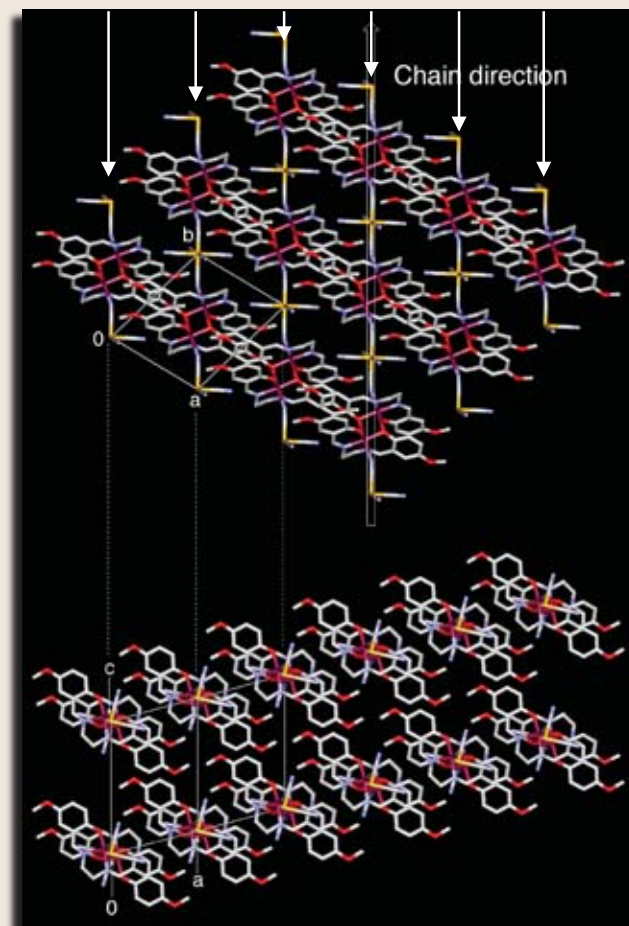
# Single-Chain Magnets

The structural arrangement:  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$

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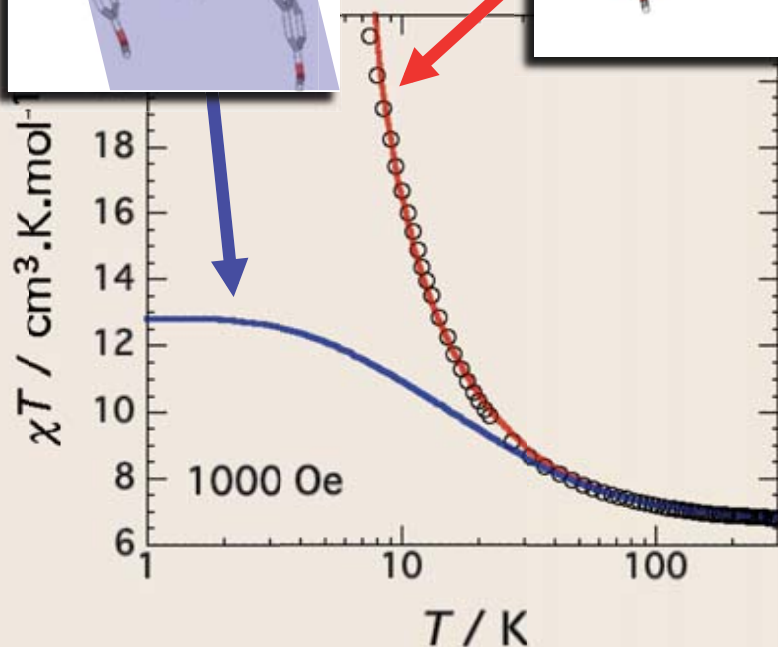
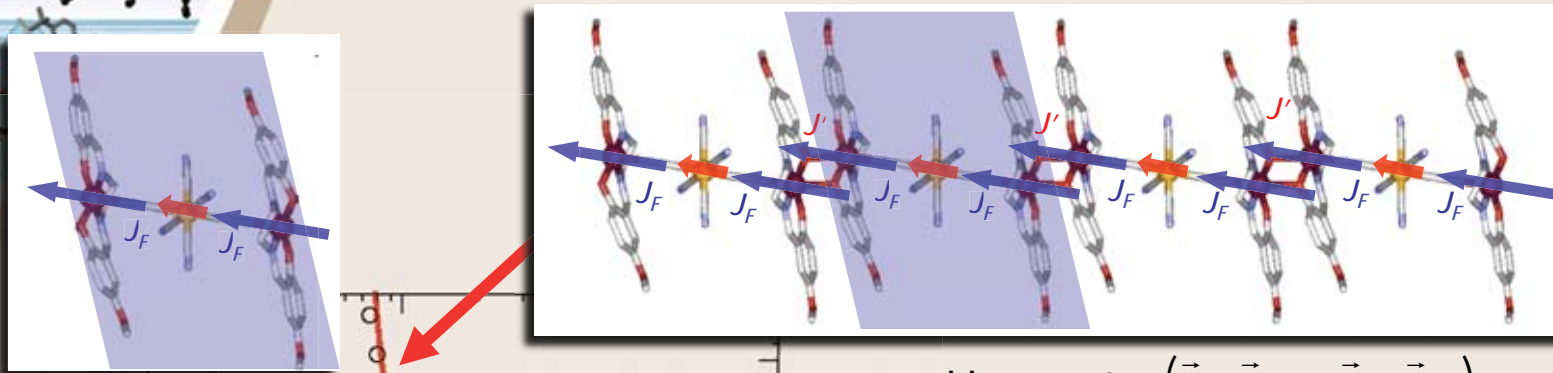


Isolated chains from a magnetic point of view



# Single-Chain Magnets

The high temperature magnetic susceptibility:  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$



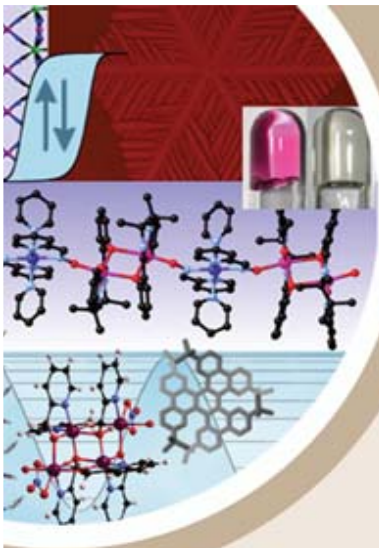
with  $H = -2J_F (\vec{S}_{\text{Fe}1} \vec{S}_{\text{Mn}} + \vec{S}_{\text{Fe}2} \vec{S}_{\text{Mn}})$   
**An Heisenberg trimer model**  
 with inter-trimer  $J'$  interactions  
 treated in a mean field  
 approximation



$$J_F/k_B = +6.5(1) \text{ K}$$

$$J'/k_B = +0.08(1) \text{ K}$$

$$g = 2.03(2)$$



## Single-Chain Magnets

A physicist view:



$$J_F/k_B = +6.5(1) \text{ K}$$

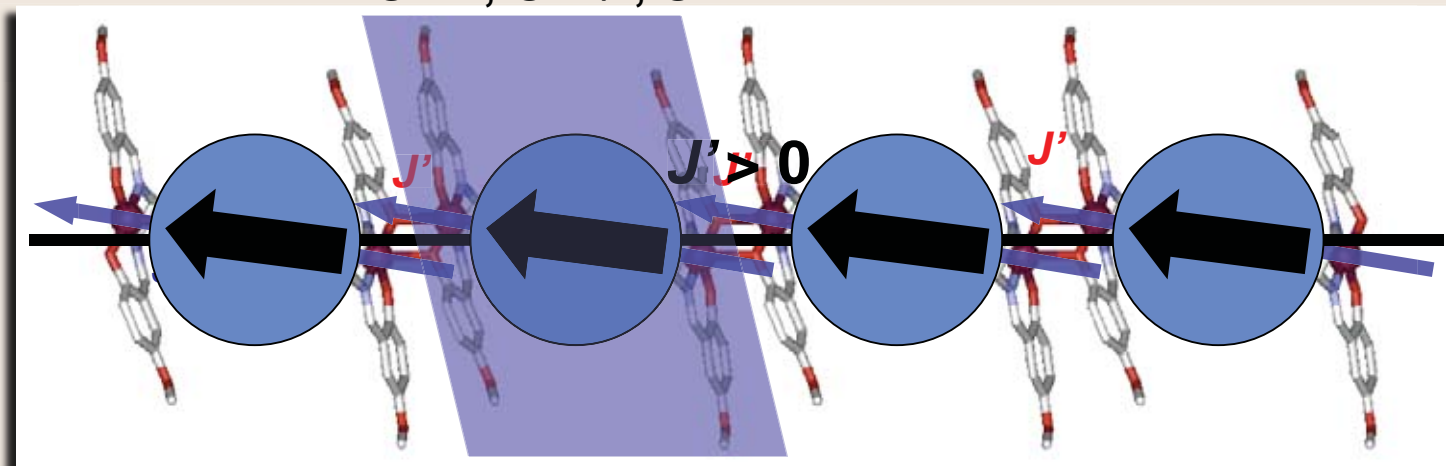
$$J'/k_B = +0.08(1) \text{ K}$$

$$J_{\text{Mn-Mn}}/k_B = +0.40(6) \text{ K}$$

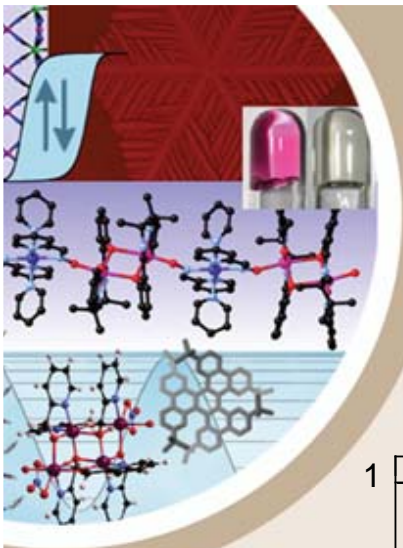
$$\ll S_T = 9/2 \gg$$

$$S = 2, S = 1/2, S = 2$$

because  $|J_F| \gg J_{\text{Mn-Mn}}$  and  
for  $|J_F| \gg k_B T$

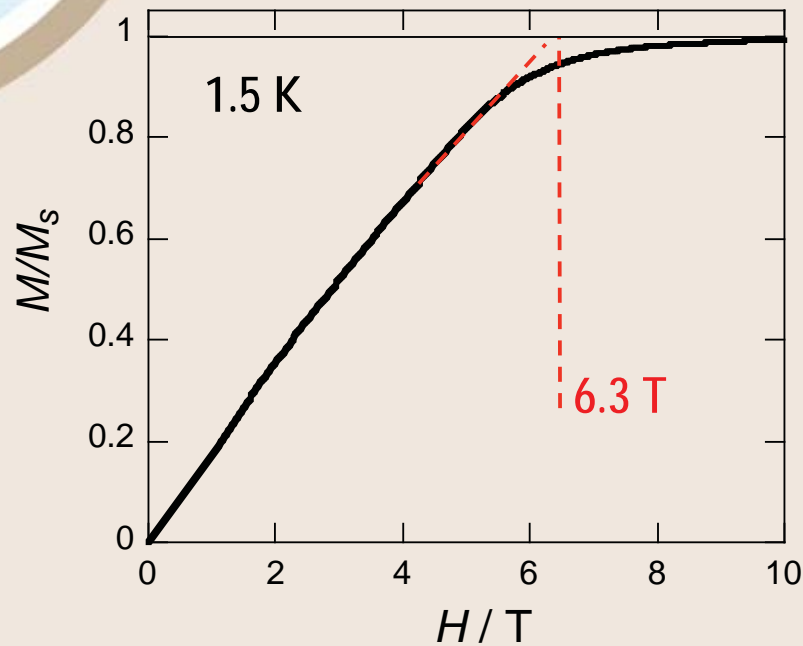


➔ Chain of ferromagnetically coupled anisotropic  $S = 9/2$  spins  
(it is fundamental to prove that the system is 1-D)



# Single-Chain Magnets

Single crystal measurements:  $H$  in the hard plane  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$



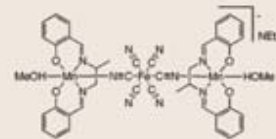
$$H = -2J' \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i} \vec{S}_{T,i+1} + D \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i}^2$$

Estimation of  $D$

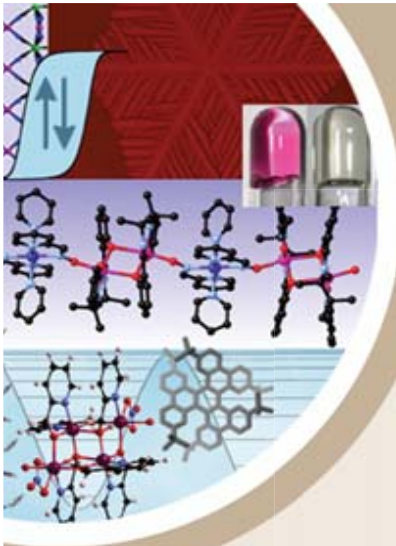
$$2DS_T^2 \approx g\mu_B S_T H_a$$



$$D/k_B = -0.94 \text{ K}$$

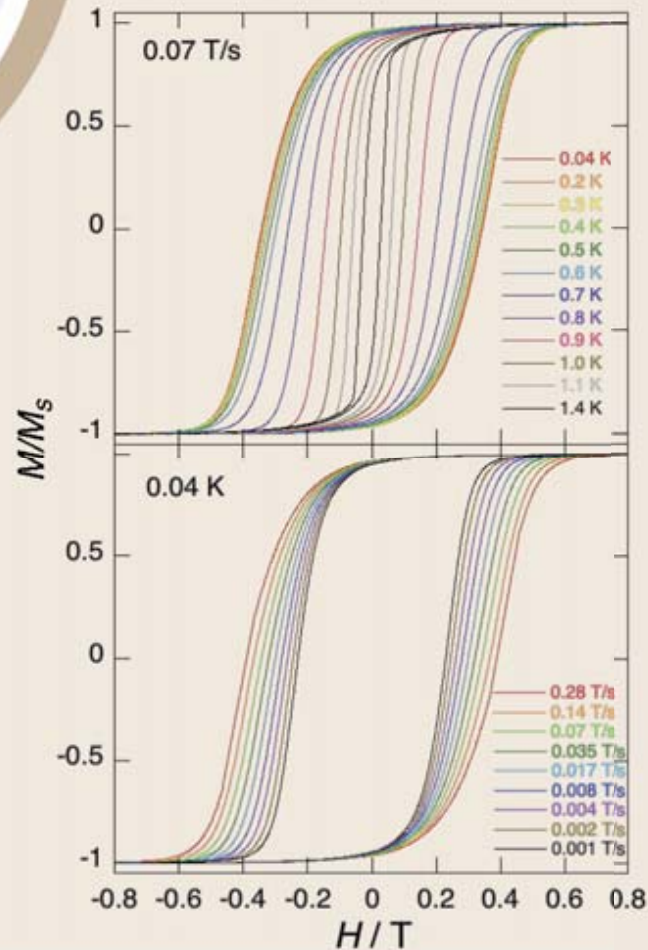


$$D/k_B \approx -1.25 \text{ K}$$



## Single-Chain Magnets

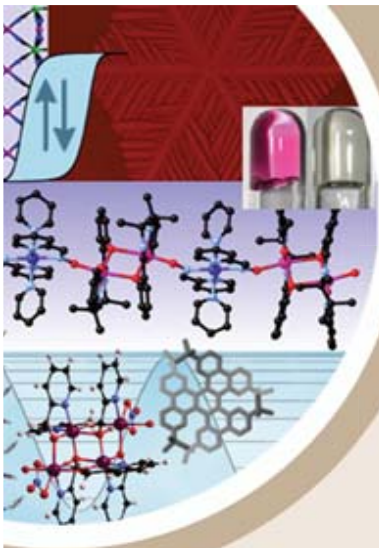
Single crystal measurements:  $H$  along the easy axis  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$



$M$  vs  $H$   
hysteresis loops

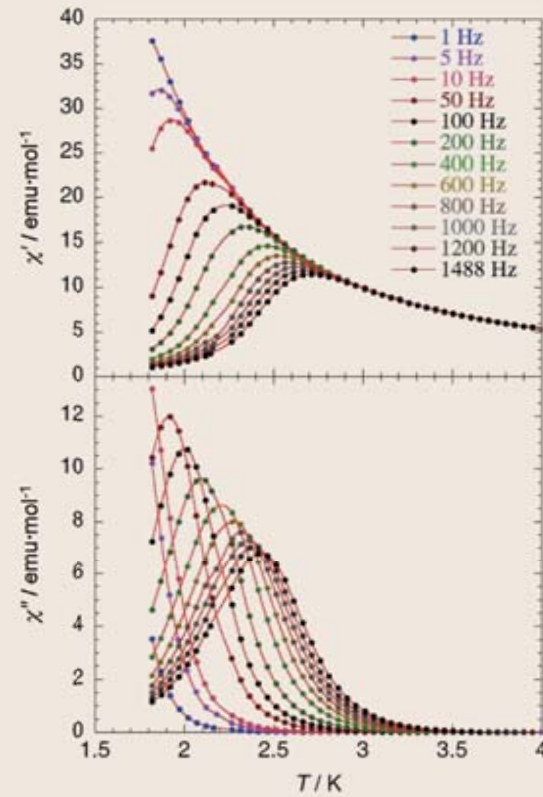
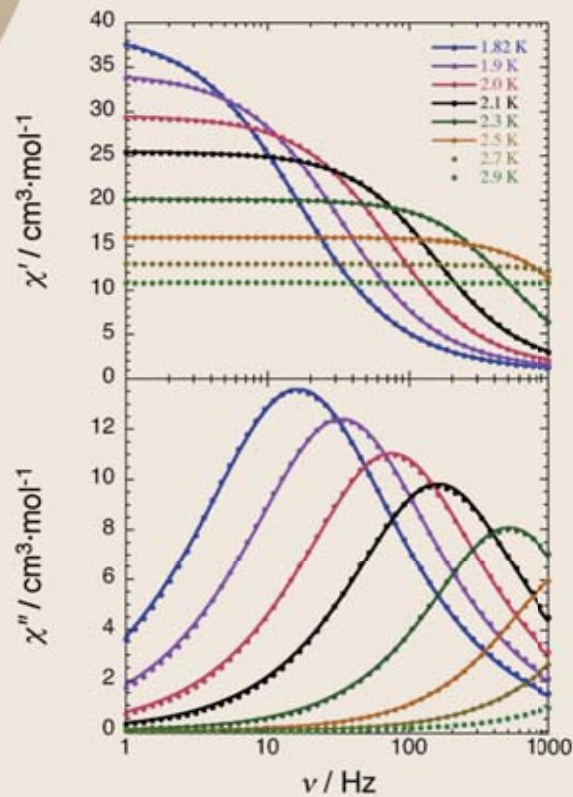


**Magnet behavior, i.e. slow  
relaxation of the  
magnetization compatible  
with SCM behavior**



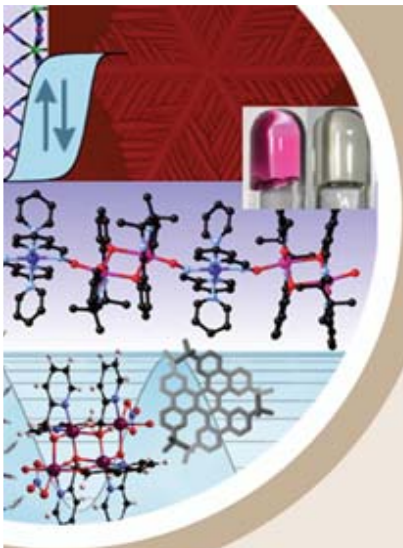
## Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time measurements (ac susceptibility):  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$



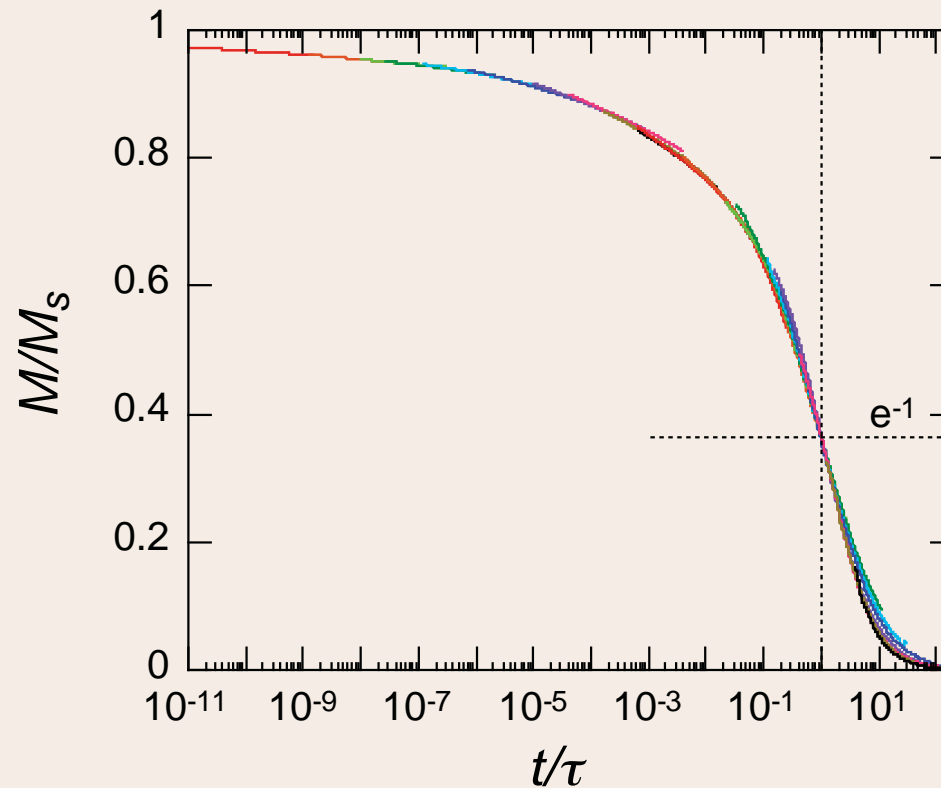
A single relaxation mode compatible with SCM behavior



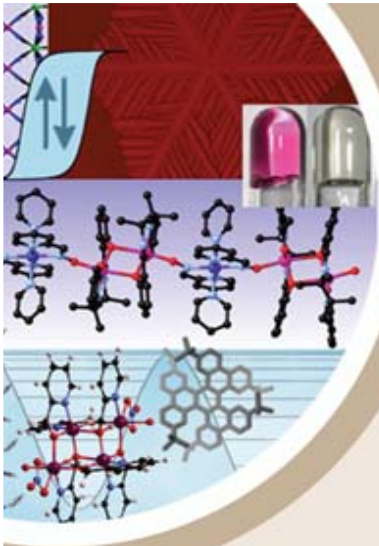


## Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time measurements ( $M$  vs time):  
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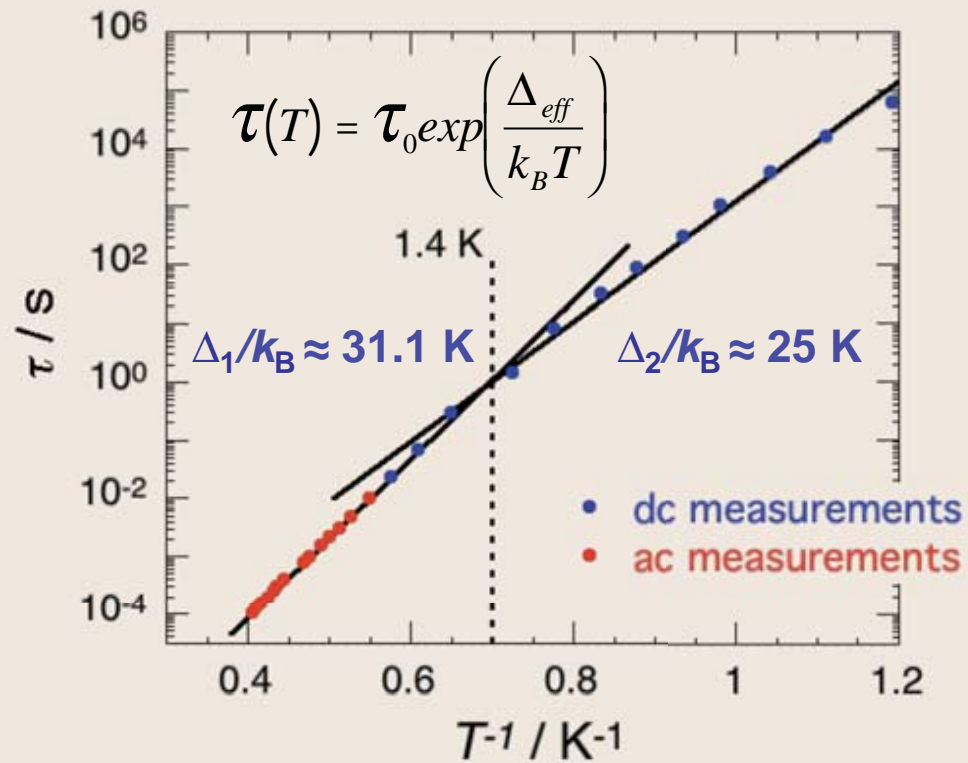


Determination of the relaxation time down to 0.8 K

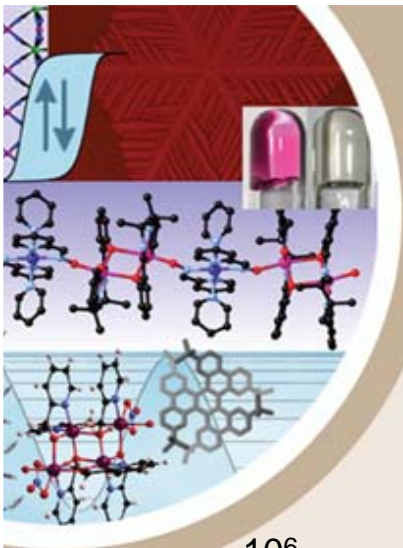


## Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time:

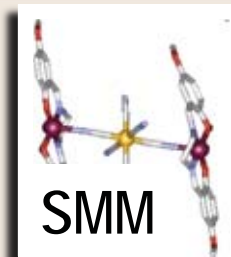
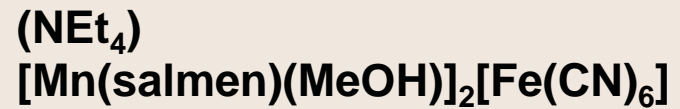
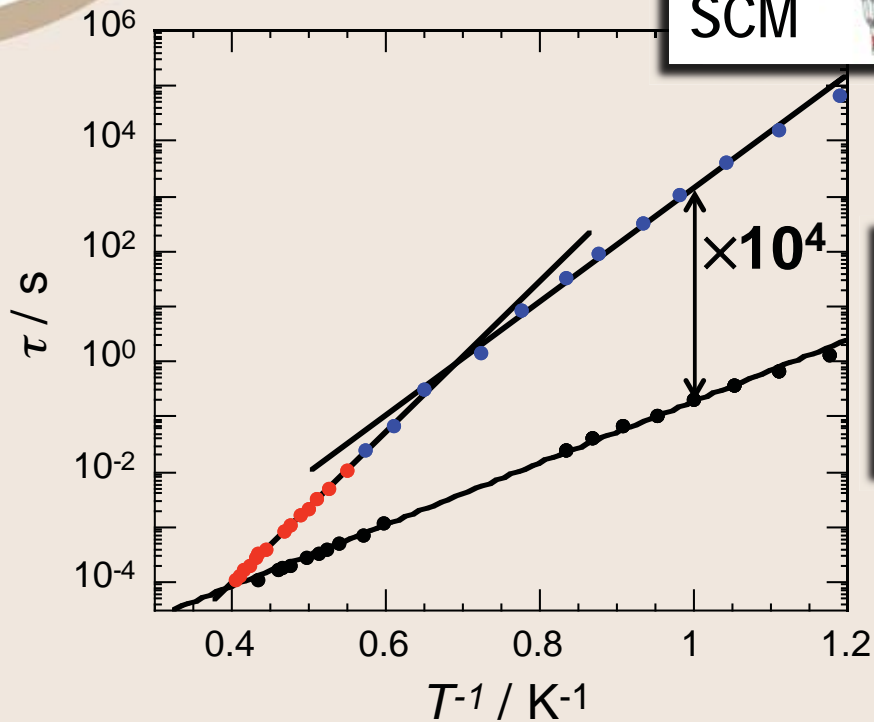
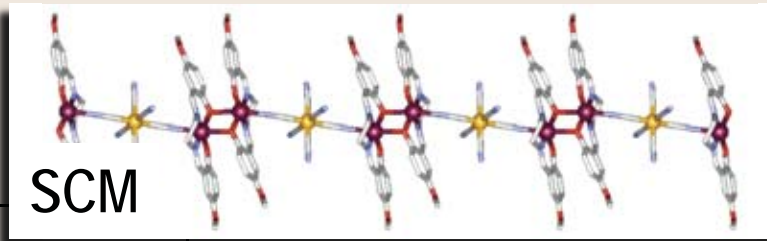


Crossover between two activated relaxation regimes

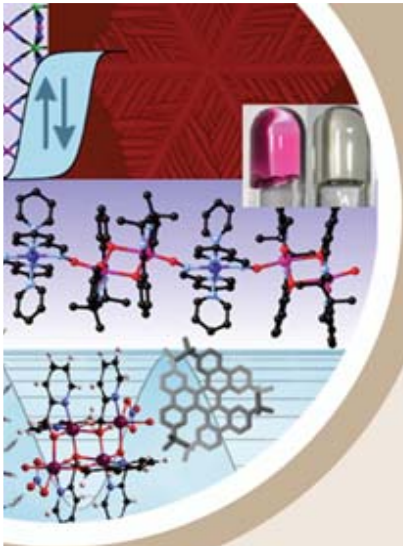


# Single-Molecule vs. Single-Chain Magnets

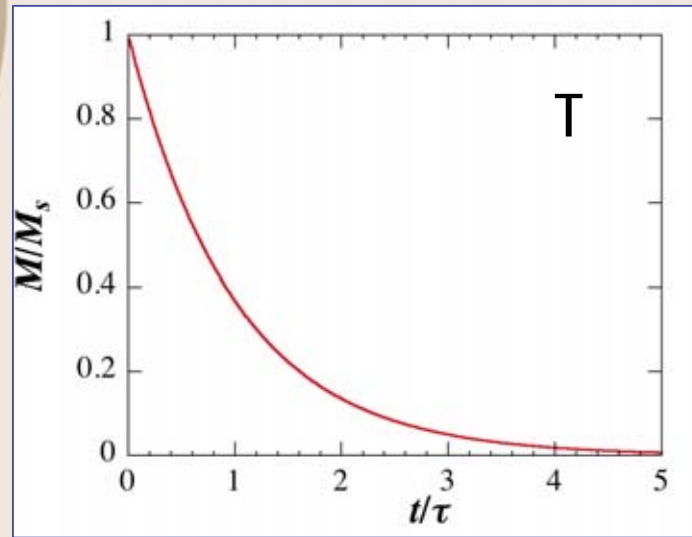
Relaxation time SMM vs SCM:



In a given temperature range the correlations enhance the relaxation time



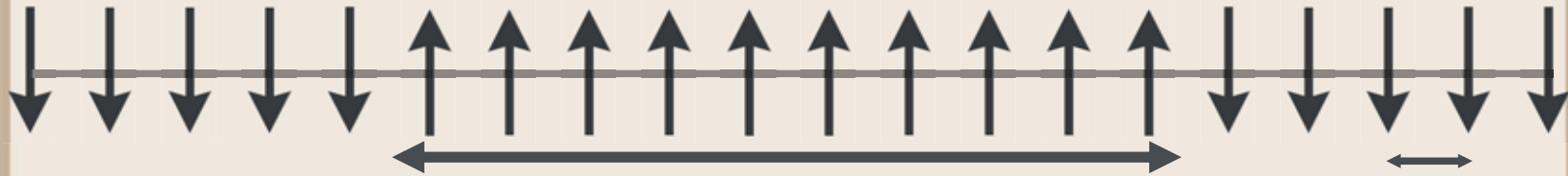
## Chain of Ising spins



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$$M / M_s = \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\tau}\right)$$

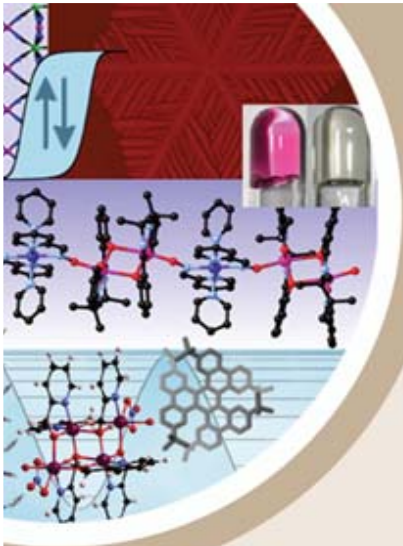
**H ≠ 0**



$$H = -2J'S^2 \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{\sigma}_i \vec{\sigma}_{i+1}$$

$$\tau(T) = \tau_i(T) \left(\frac{\xi}{a}\right)^2 = \tau_i(T) \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_\xi}{k_B T}\right)$$

$$\text{with } \Delta_\xi = 4J'S^2$$



## Real Single-Chain Magnets

The relaxation time of a Single-Chain Magnet:  
Chain of ferromagnetically coupled Ising spins (Glauber)

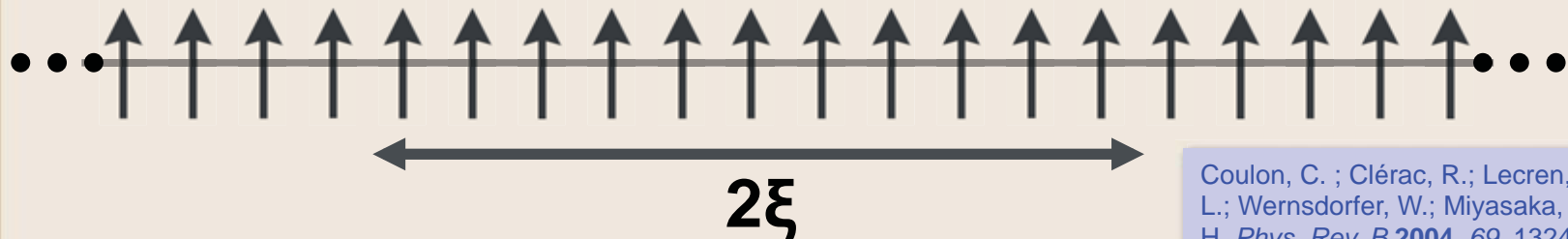
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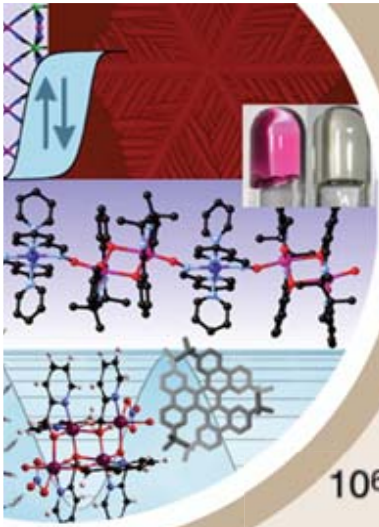
1) For a chain of anisotropic spins ( $D < 0$  and  $|D/J| > 4/3$ : Ising limit) :

$$H = -2J' \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i} \cdot \vec{S}_{T,i+1} + D \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i,z}^2$$

$$\tau_i(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_A}{k_B T}\right) \text{ with } \Delta_A = |D|S_T^2 \longrightarrow \tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$$

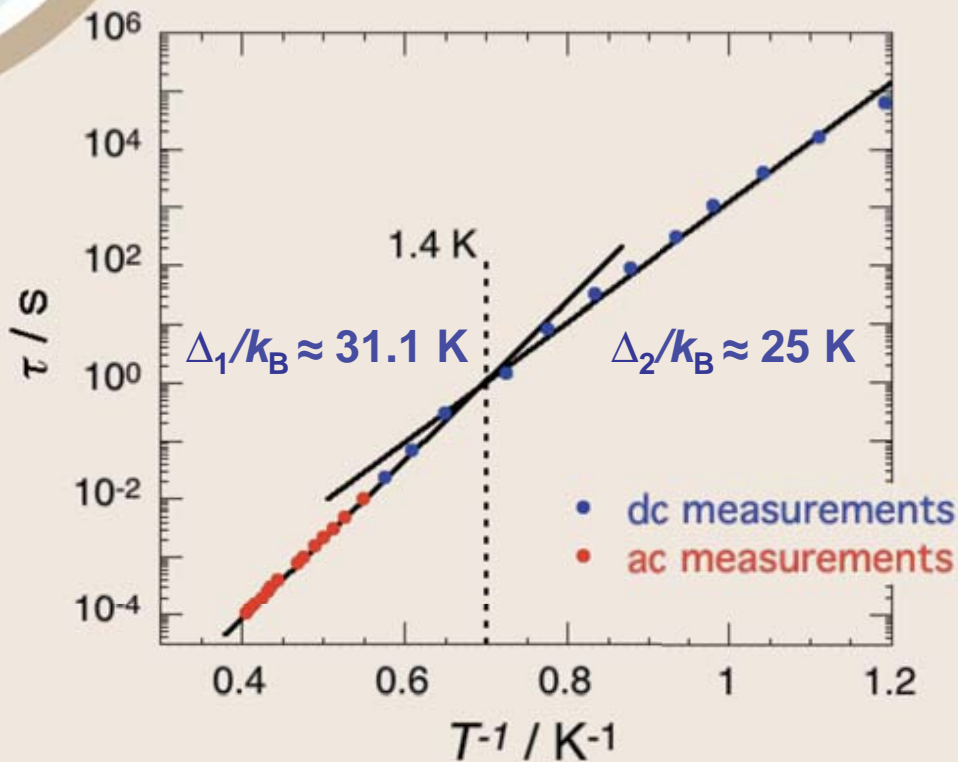


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# Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time: the Glauber's regime  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(\text{5-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$



with  $S_T = 9/2$   
 $J'/k_B \approx 0.08 \text{ K}$   
 $D/k_B = -0.94 \text{ K}$   
 $(|D/J'| \gg 4/3)$

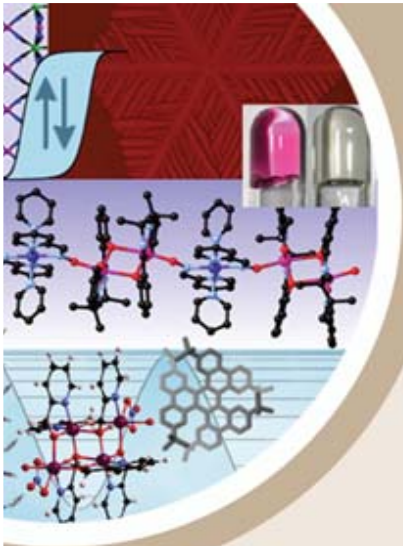
$$\tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$$

with

$$2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A = 8J'S_T^2 + |D|S_T^2$$



$$\Delta_1/k_B = (8J' + |D|)S_T^2/k_B = 32 \text{ K}$$



## Single-Chain Magnets

The relaxation time in a Single-Chain Magnet:

2) For a chain of anisotropic spins with a length  $L$   
 ( $D < 0$  and  $|D/J| > 4/3$  Ising limit):

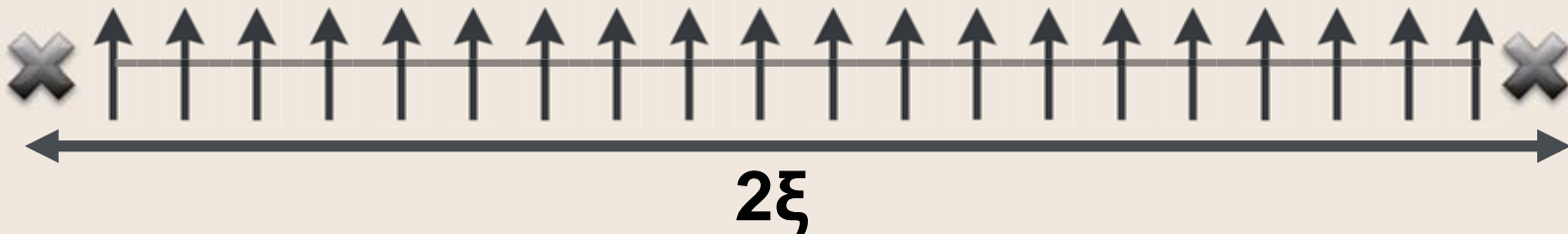
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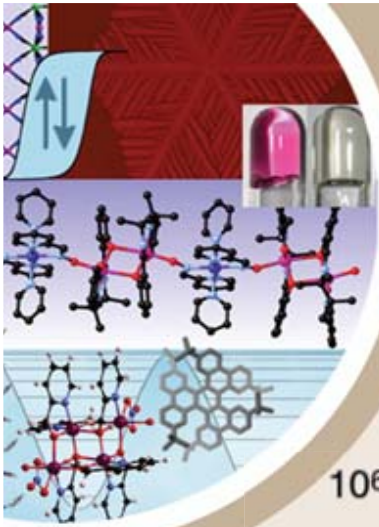
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for  $2\xi < L$   $\longrightarrow$   $\tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$

for  $2\xi > L$   $\longrightarrow$   $\tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$

Luscombe, J. H. et al., *Phys. Rev. E* **1996**, 53, 5852  
 Leal da Silva, J. K. et al., *Phys. Rev. E* **1995**, 52, 4527



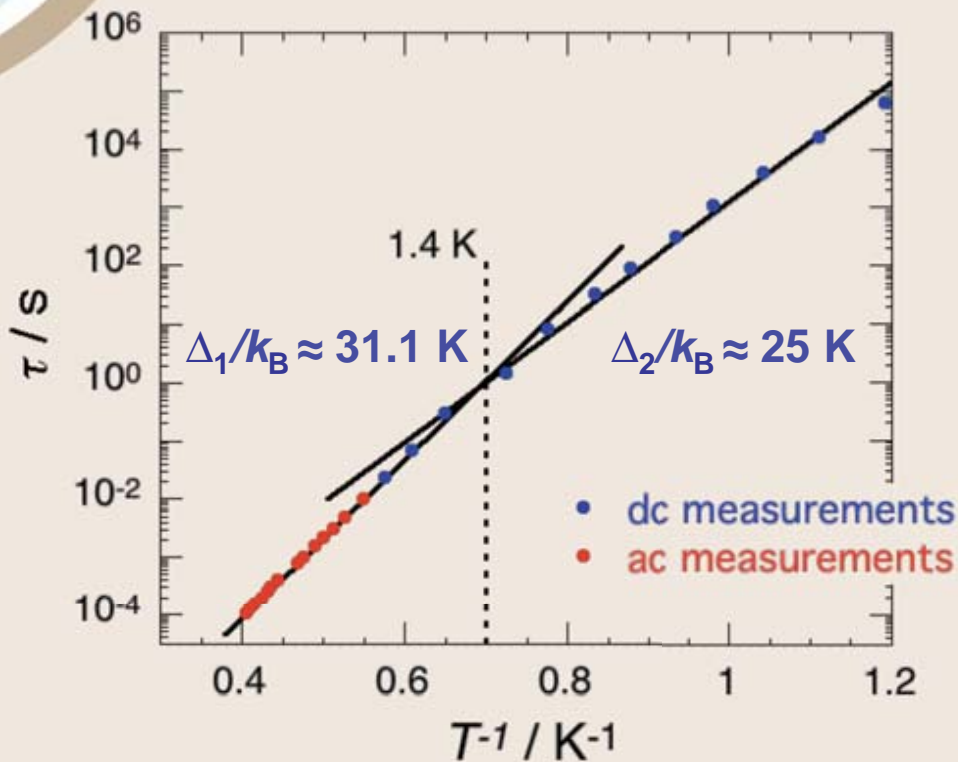


# Single-Chain Magnets

## Relaxation time: the finite-size chain regime



with  $S_T = 9/2$   
 $J'/k_B \approx 0.08 \text{ K}$   
 $D/k_B = -0.94 \text{ K}$   
 $(|D/J'| \gg 4/3)$



$$\tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$$

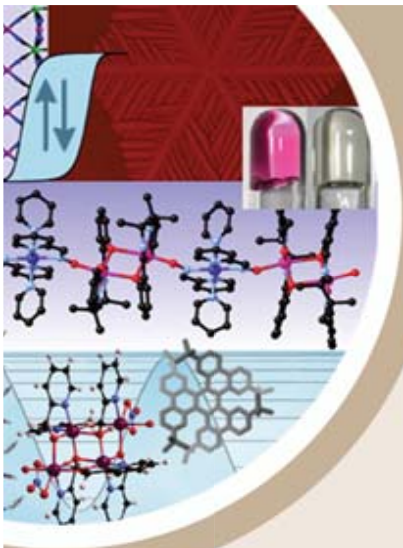
with

$$\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A = 4J'S_T^2 + |D|S_T^2$$



$$\Delta_2/k_B = (4J' + |D|)S_T^2/k_B = 25.5 \text{ K}$$

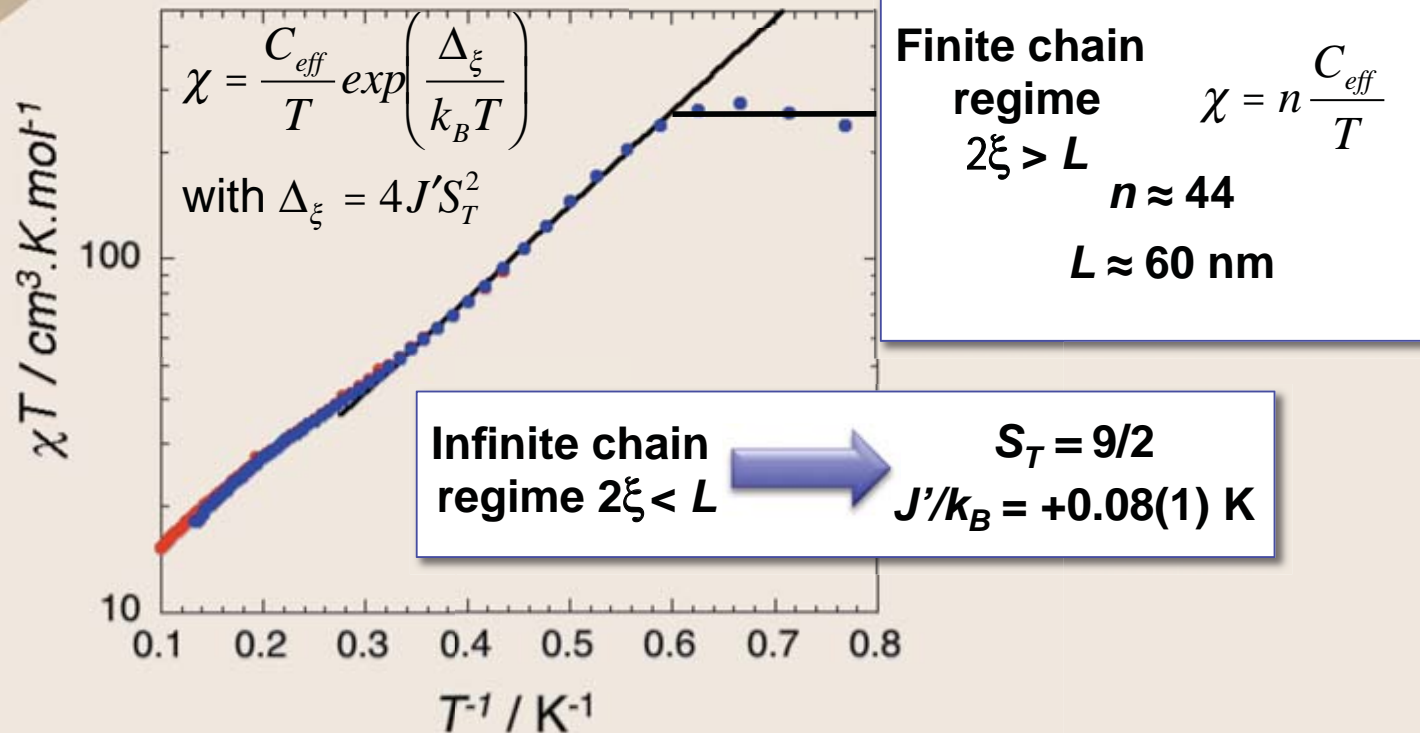


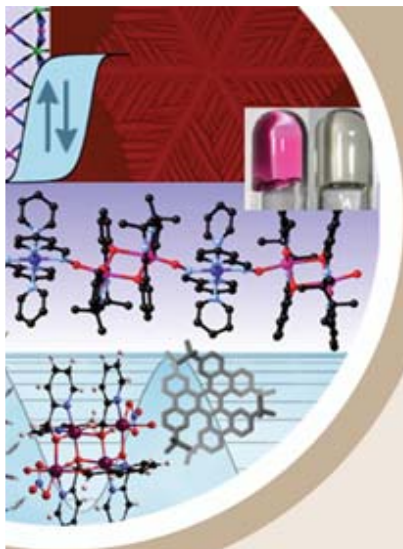


## Final proof of a Single-Chain Magnets

Another evidence of the finite-size chain regime:  
 $(\text{NEt}_4)_2[\text{Mn}(5\text{-MeOsalen})]_2[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$

Ising Chain Model 
$$H = -2J' S_T^2 \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{\sigma}_i \vec{\sigma}_{i+1}$$





## Single-Chain Magnets (Take home message)

$$H = -2J' \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i} \vec{S}_{T,i+1} + D \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i}^2$$

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**Always correct:**

**Static properties**  $\chi = \frac{C_{\text{eff}}}{T} \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_{\xi}}{k_B T}\right)$

**Dynamic properties**

for  $2\xi < L$   $\Rightarrow \tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_{\xi} + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$

for  $2\xi > L$   $\Rightarrow \tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_{\xi} + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$

**In the Ising limit  $D < 0$  and  $|D/J| > 4/3$ :**  $\Delta_{\xi} = 4J'S_T^2$  and  $\Delta_A = |D|S_T^2$

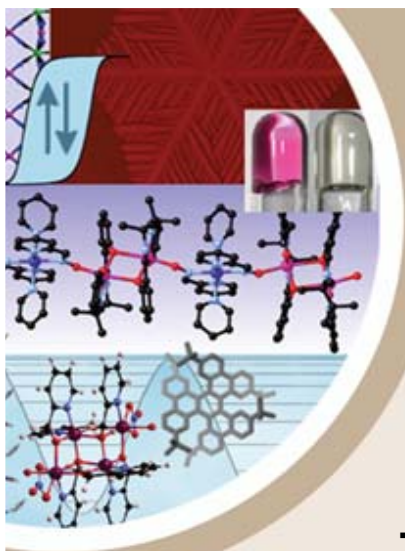
**In the Heisenberg limit  $D < 0$ , and small and  $|D/J| \ll 4/3$ :**

$$\Delta_{\xi} = 2S_T^2 \sqrt{2|DJ'|} \text{ and } \Delta_A = ??$$

**Between the Ising and the Heisenberg limits ( $D < 0$ ,  $|D/J| < 4/3$ ):**

$$\Delta_{\xi} = ?? \text{ and } \Delta_A = ??$$

Billoni, O. V.; Pianet, V.; Pescia, D.; Vindigni, A. *Phys. Rev. B* **2011**, 84, 064415



## Single-Chain Magnets recipe

The ingredients in order to obtain a SCM:

- chain architecture
- high-spin chain units with uniaxial anisotropy
- large intra-chain magnetic interaction
- as small as possible inter-chain interactions

Transition metals organized by ligands:

- 3d: Mn(III), Fe(III), Ni(II), Co(II), V(II)
- Lanthanides: Tb(III), Dy(III), Ho(III)
- Mixed metals 3d/3d or 4f/4f or 3d/4f
- Mixed spins: 3d/radical and 4f/radical

Polynuclear complexes organized by linkers:

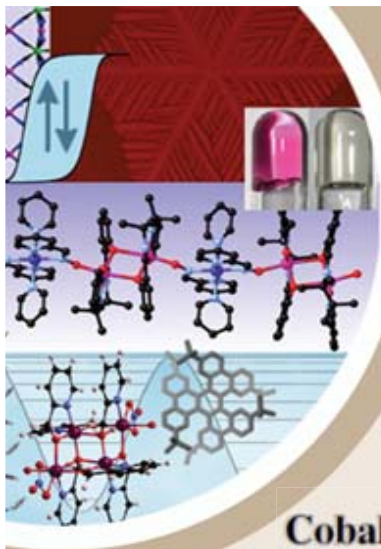
- SMMs
- anisotropic complexes

Synthesis methods:

- serendipitous!
- by design



There are a few SCM examples in the literature since 2001

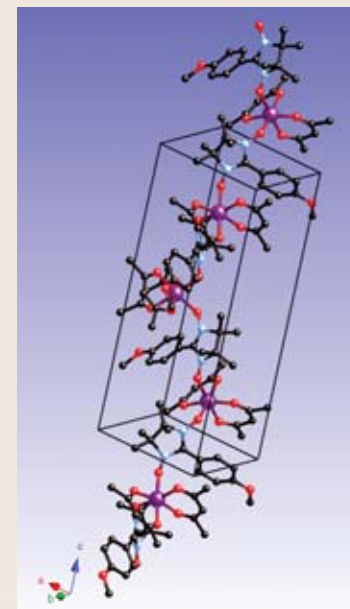
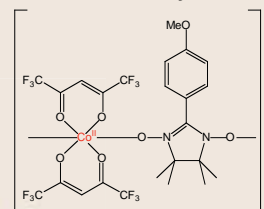


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## The first chain exhibiting slow relaxation: $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{hfac})_2(\text{NITPhOMe})$

hfac: hexafluoroacetylacetonate

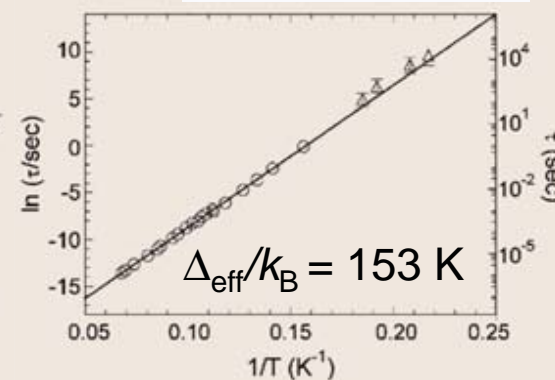
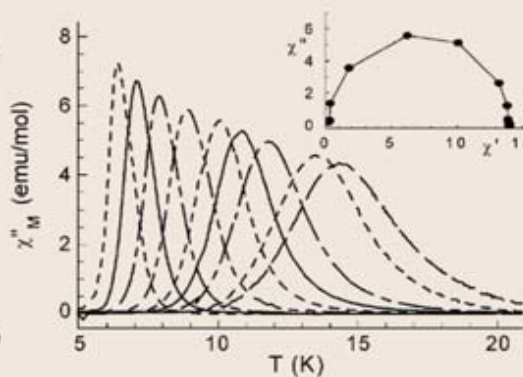
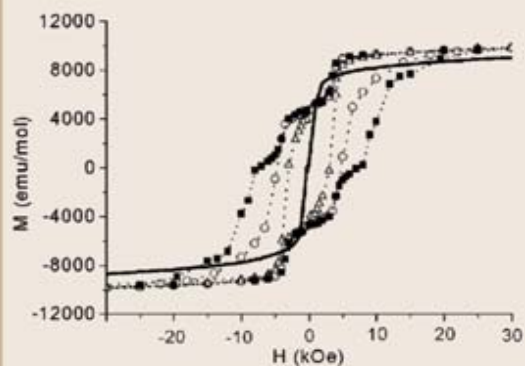
NITPhOMe: 4'-methoxy-phenyl-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl  
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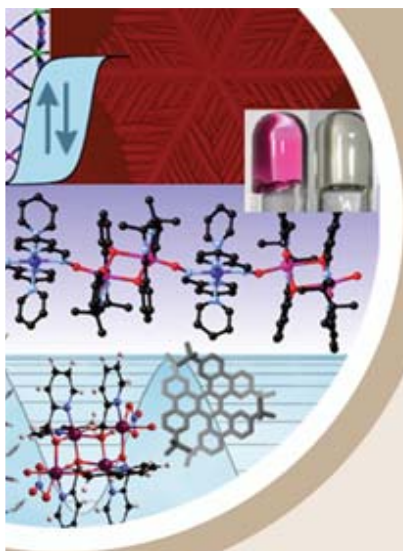


### Cobalt(II)-Nitronyl Nitroxide Chains as Molecular Magnetic Nanowires\*\*

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# Single-Chain Magnets

## The first Single-Chain Magnet: $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{saltmen})_2\text{Ni}(\text{pao})_2(\text{py})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$

saltmen<sup>2-</sup>: N,N'-(1,1,2,2-tetramethylethylene) bis(salicylideneiminato)  
 pao: pyridine-2-aldoximate; py: pyridine

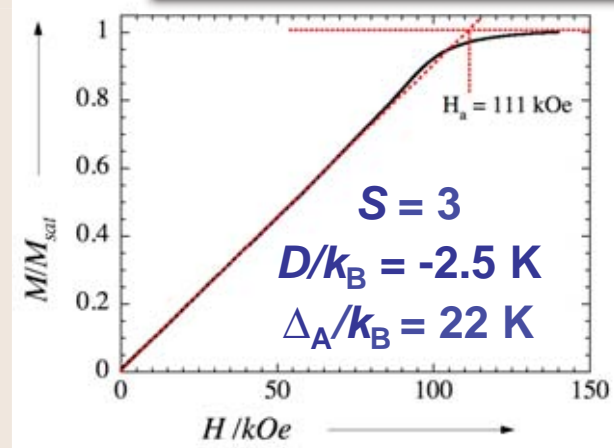
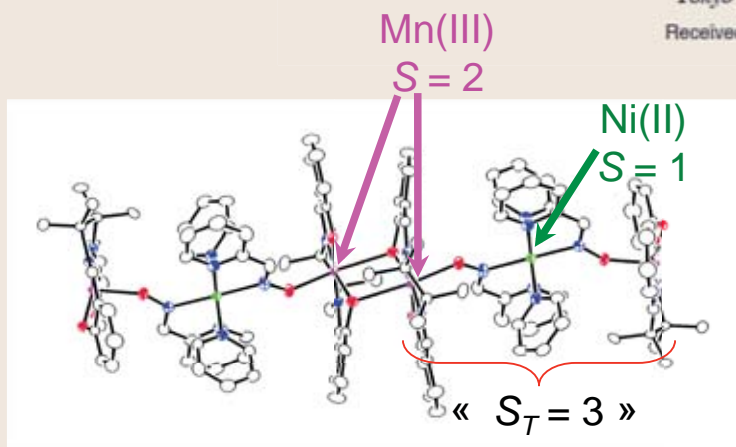
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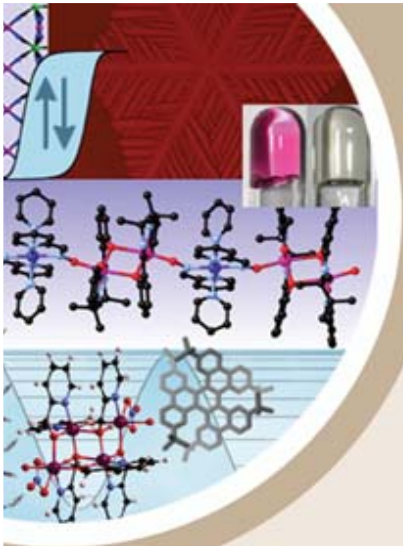
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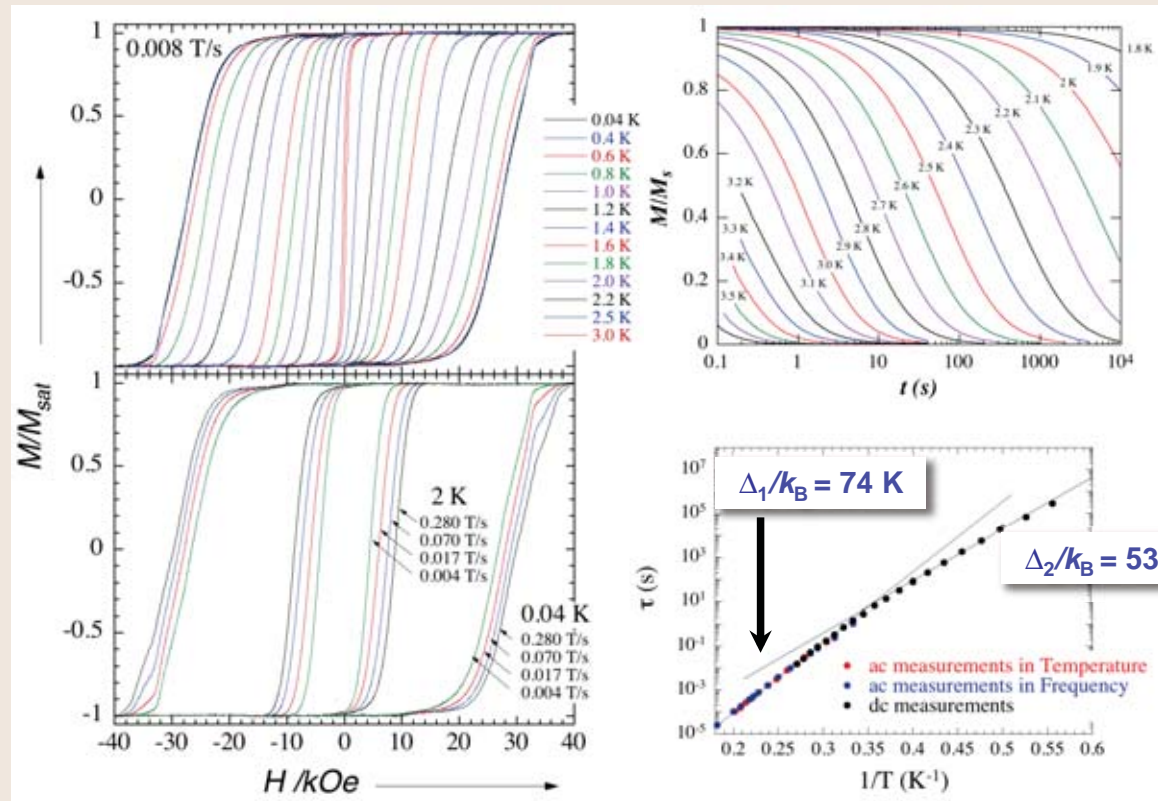
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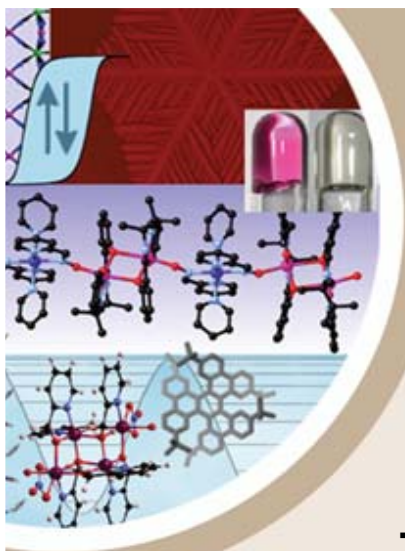
$$\Delta_\xi/k_B = 28 \text{ K}$$



$$\Delta_{1,\text{theo}}/k_B = 78 \text{ K}$$

$$\Delta_{2,\text{theo}}/k_B = 50 \text{ K}$$





## Single-Chain Magnets recipe

The ingredients in order to obtain a SCM:

- chain architecture
- high-spin chain units with uniaxial anisotropy
- large intra-chain magnetic interaction
- as small as possible inter-chain interactions

**Transition metals organized by ligands:**

- 3d: Mn(III), Fe(III), Ni(II), Co(II), V(II)
- Lanthanides: Tb(III), Dy(III), Ho(III)
- Mixed metals 3d/3d or 4f/4f or 3d/4f
- Mixed spins: 3d/radical and 4f/radical

**Polynuclear complexes organized by linkers:**

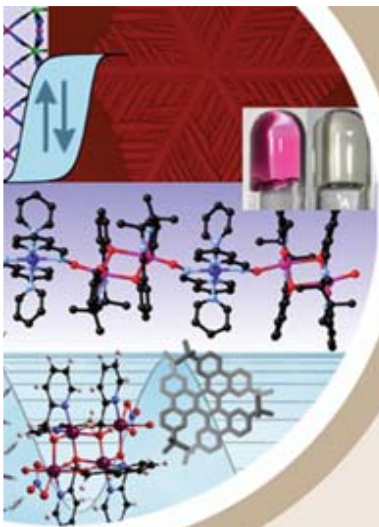
- SMMs
- anisotropic complexes

**Synthesis methods:**

- serendipitous
- by design



There are a few SCM examples in the literature since 2001

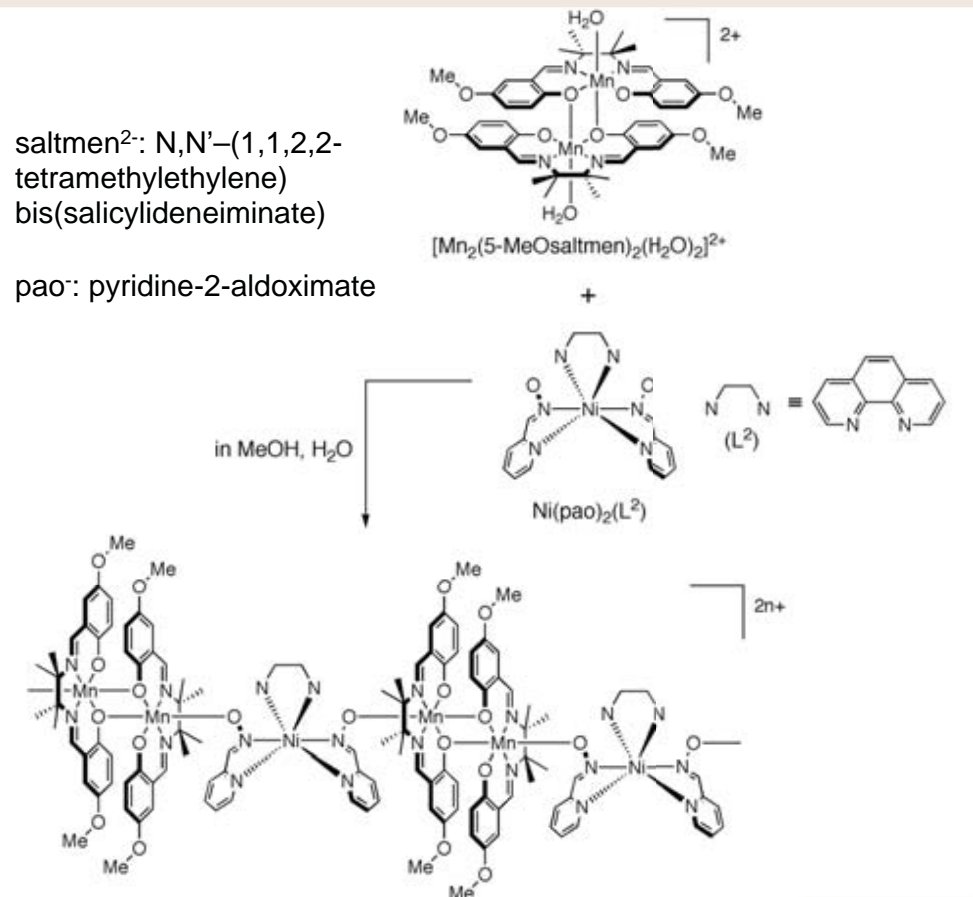


## Single-Chain Magnets

The synthesis:  $[\text{Mn}_2(5\text{-MeOsaltmen})_2\text{Ni}(\text{pao})_2(\text{phen})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$

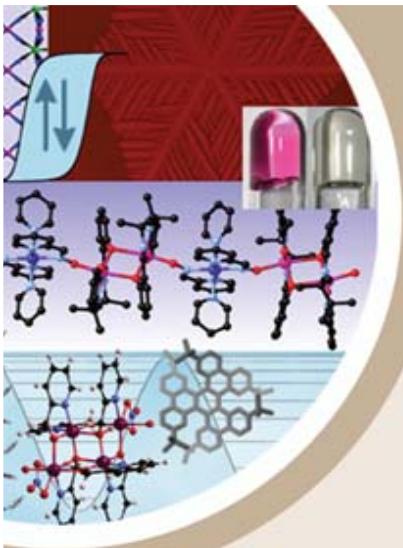
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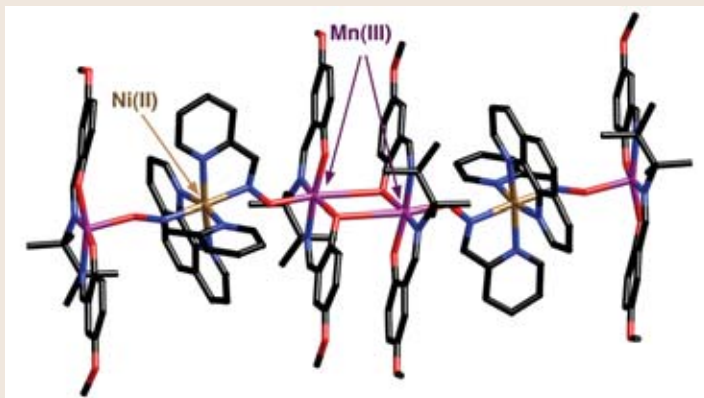
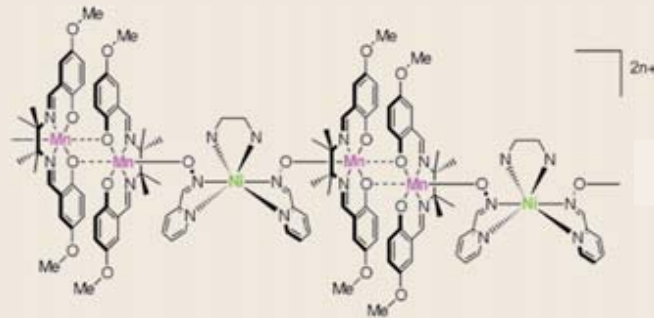


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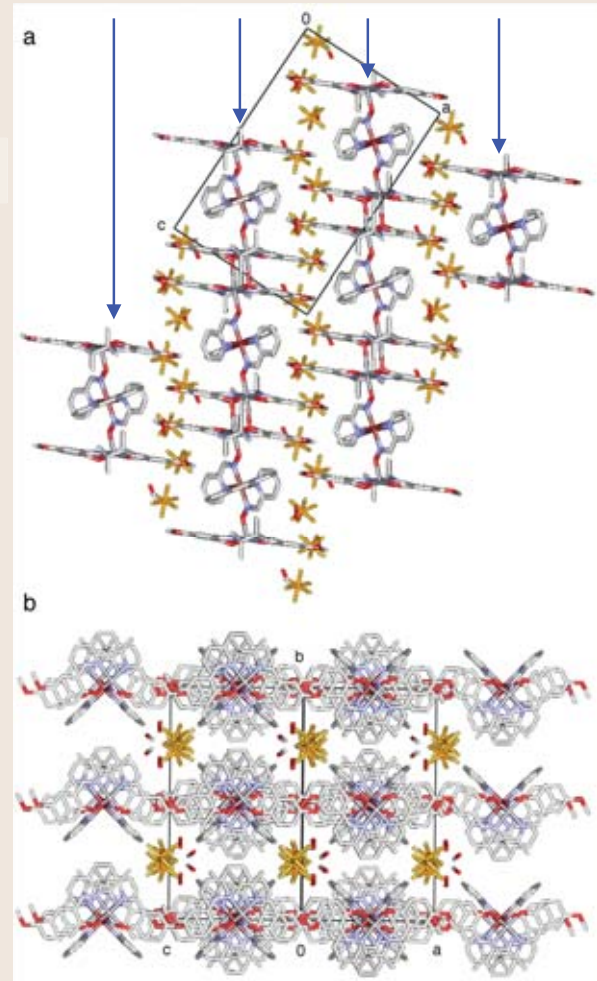


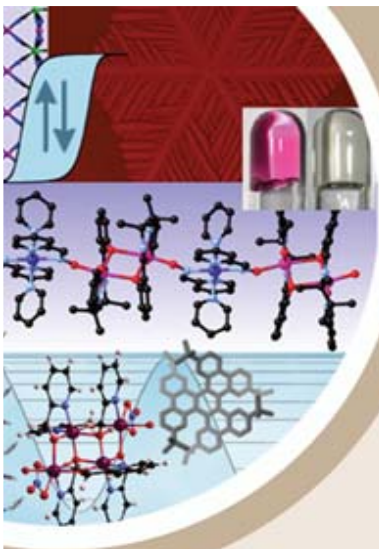


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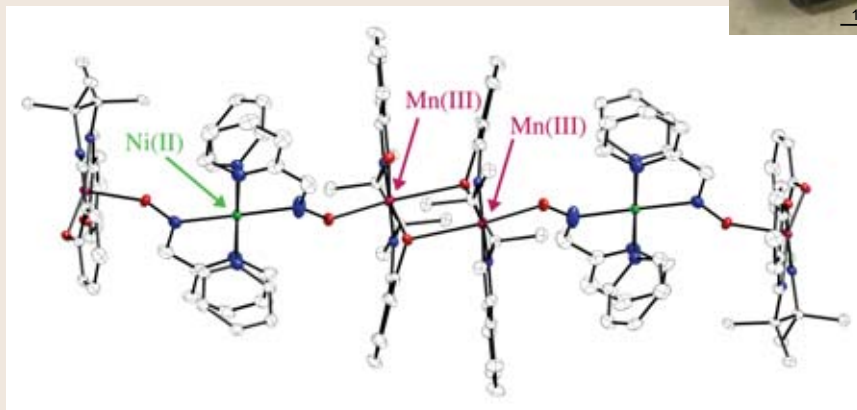
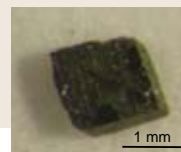
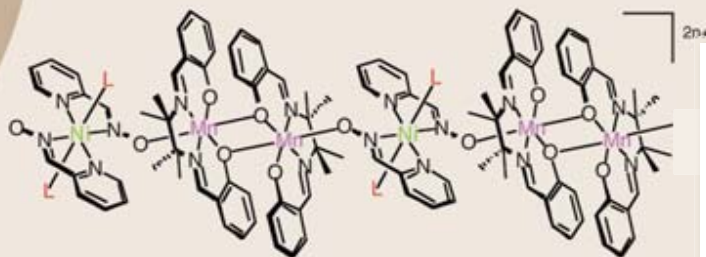


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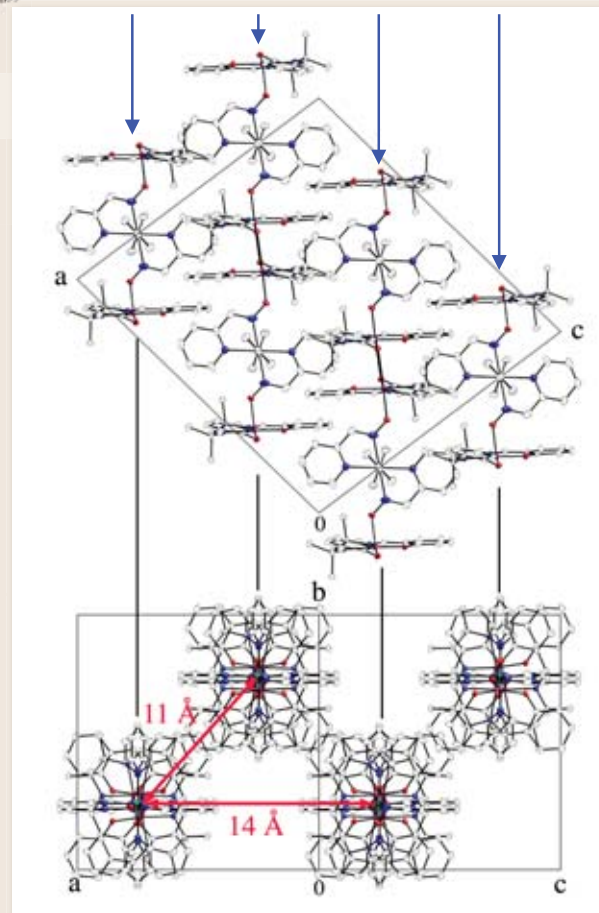




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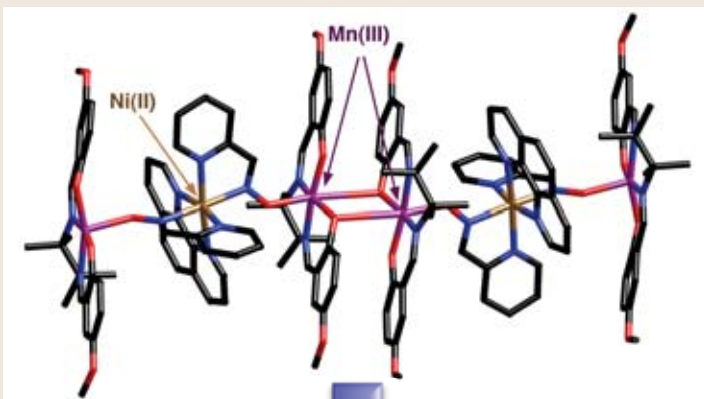
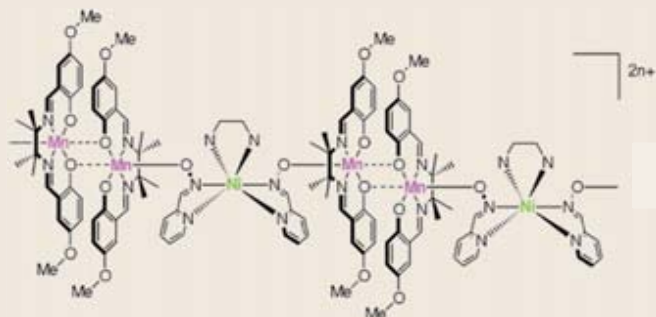


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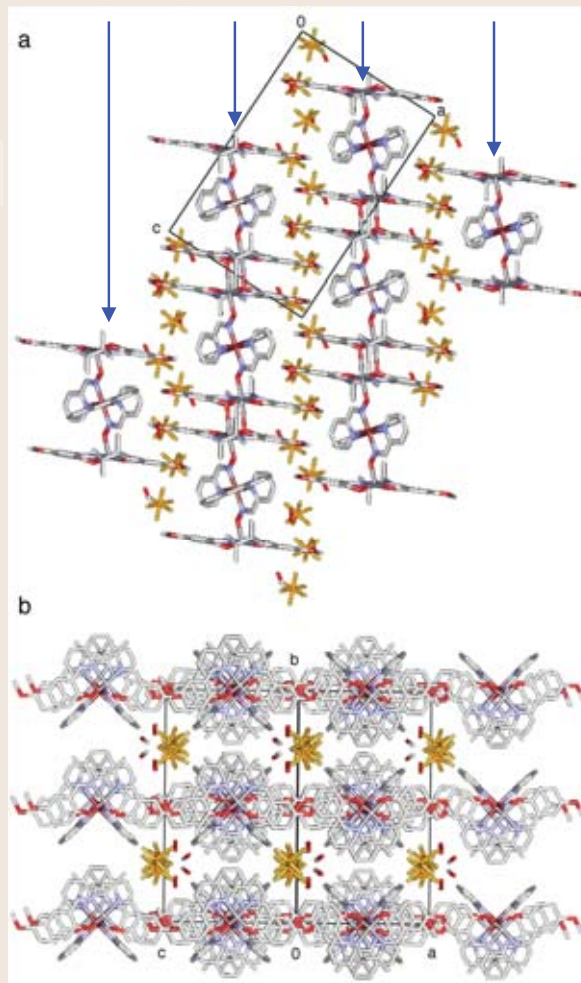


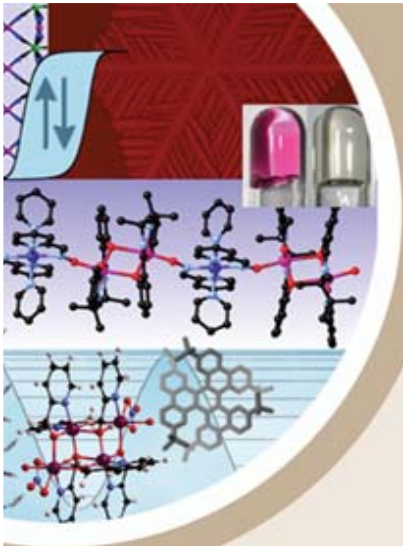
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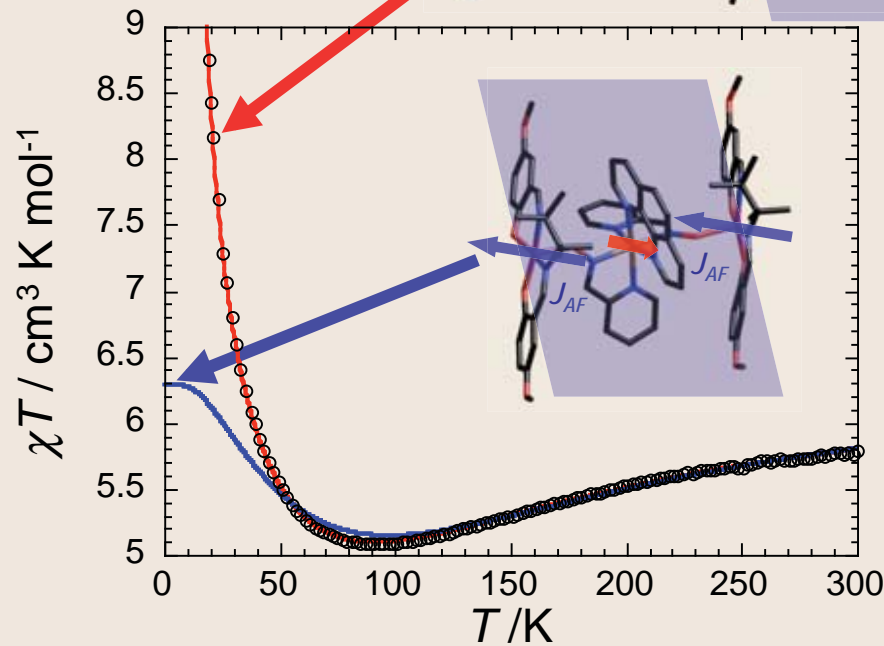
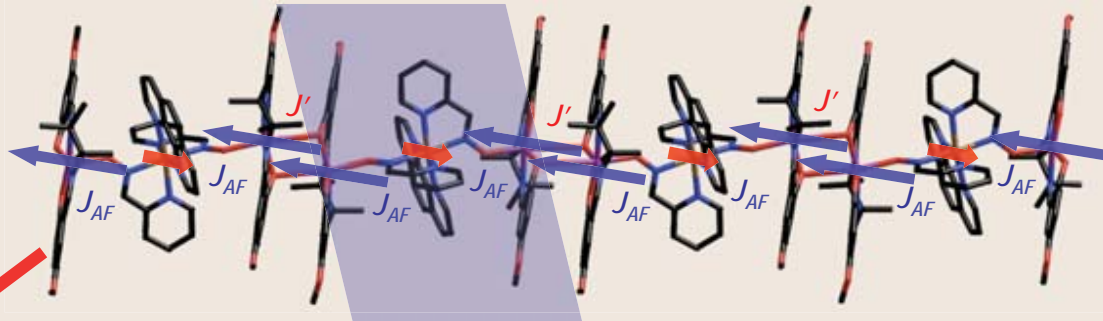


Marked changes in the chain packing induced by the 5-MeO groups...





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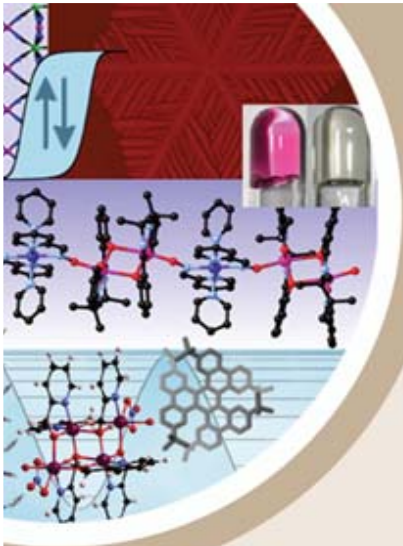


with  $H = -2J_{AF} (\vec{S}_{Ni} \vec{S}_{Mn1} + \vec{S}_{Ni} \vec{S}_{Mn2})$   
**An Heisenberg trimer model**  
 with inter-trimer  $J'$  interactions  
 treated in a mean field  
 approximation

$$J_{AF}/k_B = -21.9(1) \text{ K}$$

$$J'/k_B = +0.46(5) \text{ K}$$

$$g = 1.95(2)$$



# Single-Chain Magnets

A physicist view:

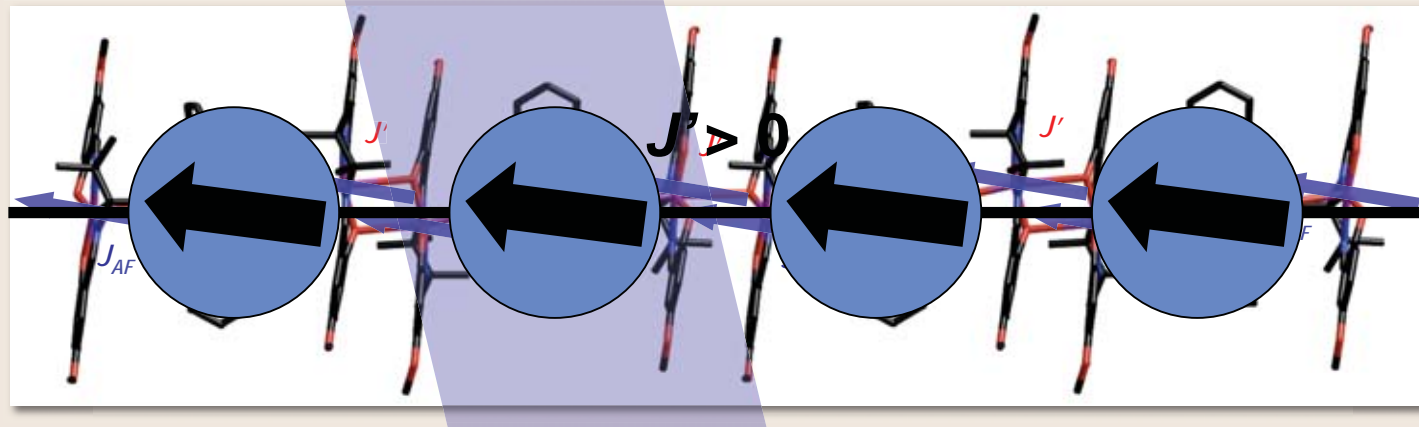


$$J_{AF}/k_B = -21.9(1) \text{ K and } J'/k_B = +0.46(5) \text{ K}$$

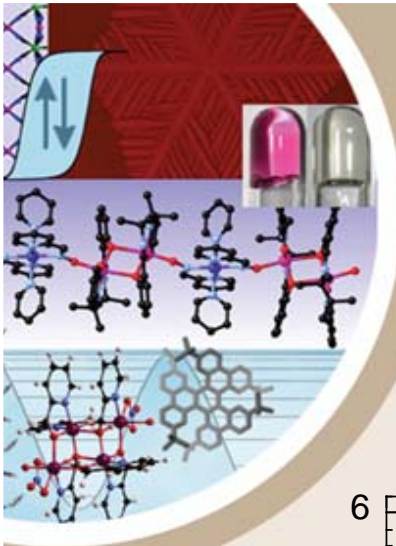
$$\ll S_T = 3 \gg$$

because  $|J_{AF}| \gg J'$  and for  $|J_{AF}| \gg k_B T$

$$S = 2, S = 1, S = 2$$

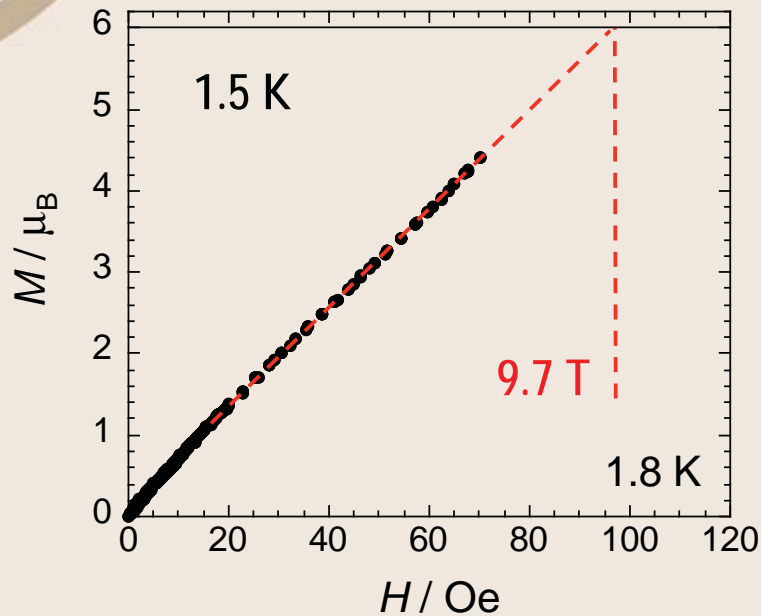


Chain of ferromagnetically coupled  $S = 3$  spins



## Single-Chain Magnets

Single Crystal Measurements:  
*H* applied in the hard magnetic plane



$$H = -2J' \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i} \vec{S}_{T,i+1} + D \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{S}_{T,i}^2$$

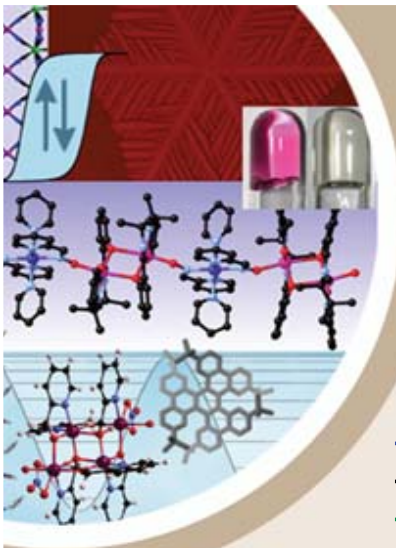
Estimation of *D*

$$2DS_T^2 \approx g\mu_B S_T H_a$$



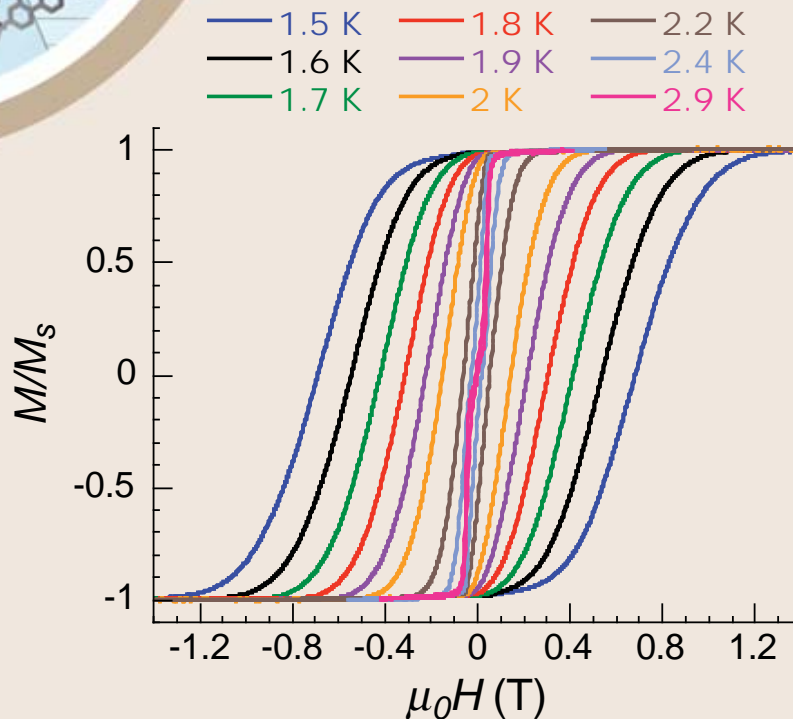
$$D/k_B = -2.2 \text{ K}$$

➔ Ising type anisotropy (easy axis and hard plane)



## Single-Chain Magnets

Single Crystal Measurements:  
*H* applied along the easy magnetic axis

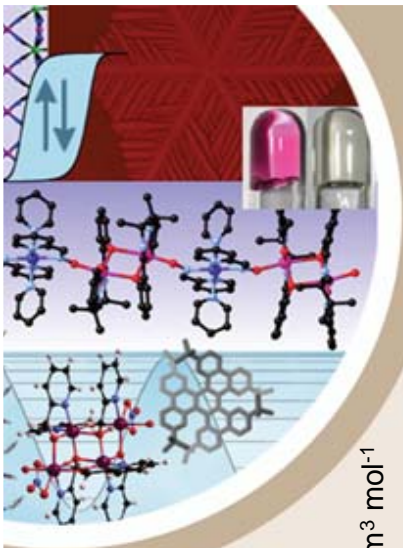


*M* vs *H*  
 hysteresis loops



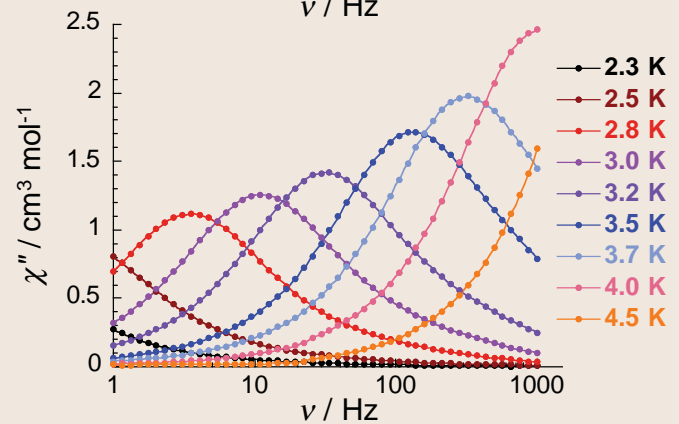
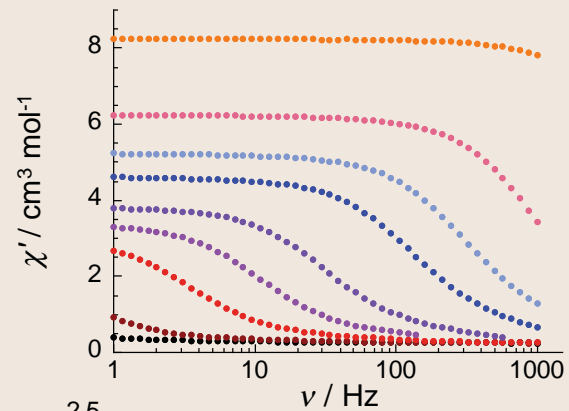
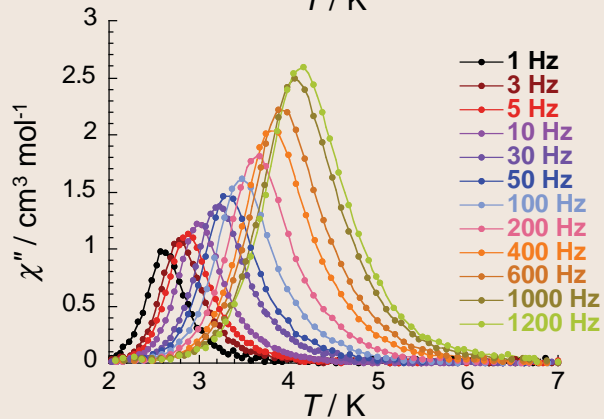
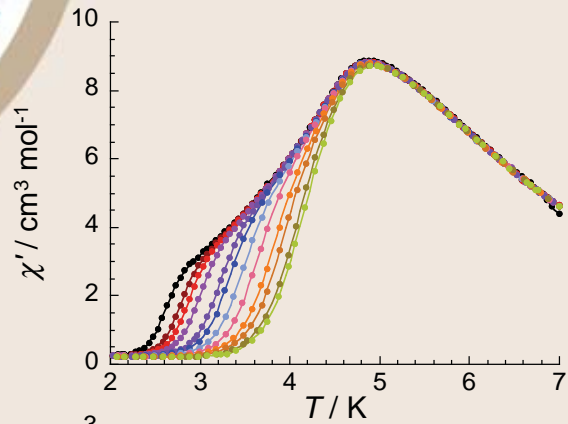
**Magnet behavior, i.e. slow  
 relaxation of the  
 magnetization compatible  
 with SCM behavior**

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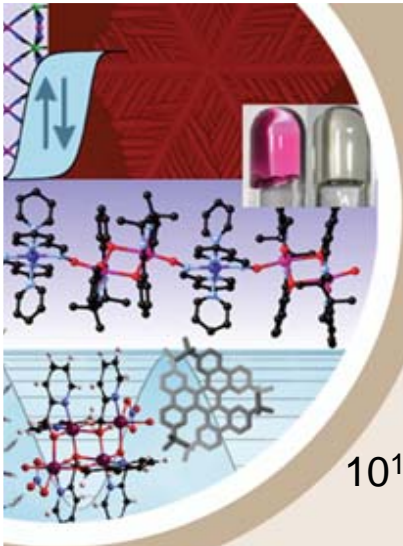
# Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time measurements (ac susceptibility):  
 $[\text{Mn}_2(5\text{-MeOsaltmen})_2\text{Ni}(\text{pao})_2(\text{phen})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$



**A single relaxation mode compatible with SCM behavior but...**



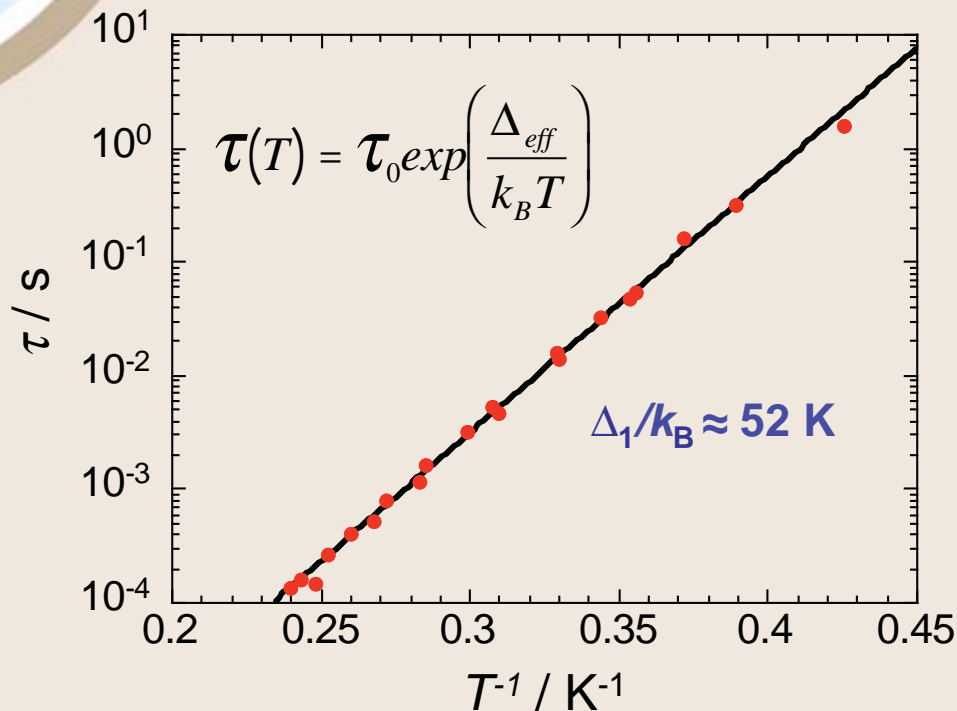


## Single-Chain Magnets

Relaxation time (ac susceptibility):



Arrhenius behavior



with  $S_T = 3$   
 $J'/k_B \approx +0.46 \text{ K}$   
 $D/k_B = -2.2 \text{ K}$

$$\tau(T) = \tau_0 \exp\left(\frac{2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A}{k_B T}\right)$$

with

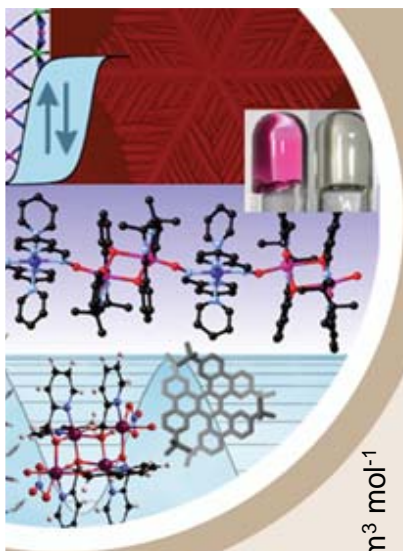
$$2\Delta_\xi + \Delta_A = 8J'S_T^2 + |D|S_T^2$$



$$\Delta_1/k_B = (8J' + |D|)S_T^2/k_B = 52.9 \text{ K}$$

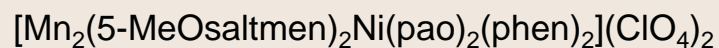
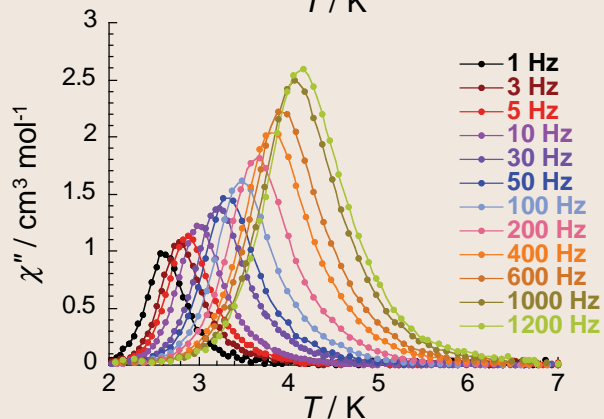
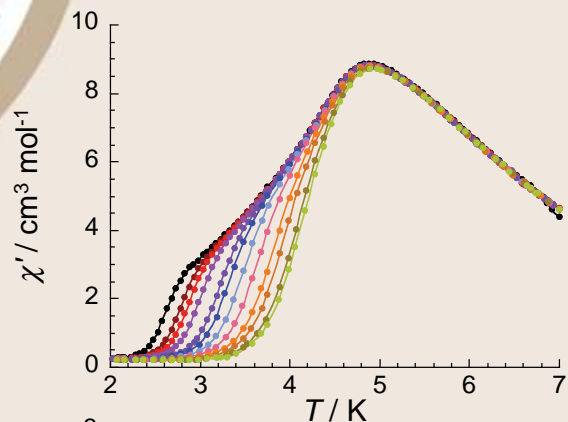


A dynamics of the magnetization compatible with a SCM...

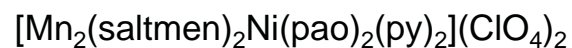
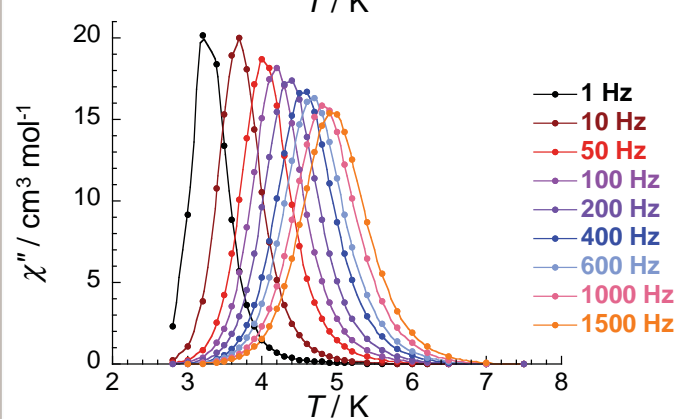
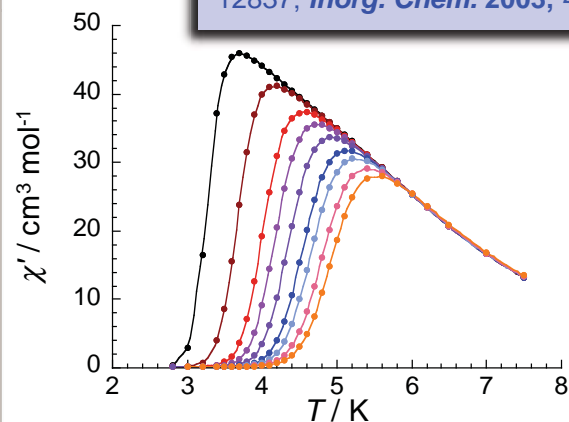


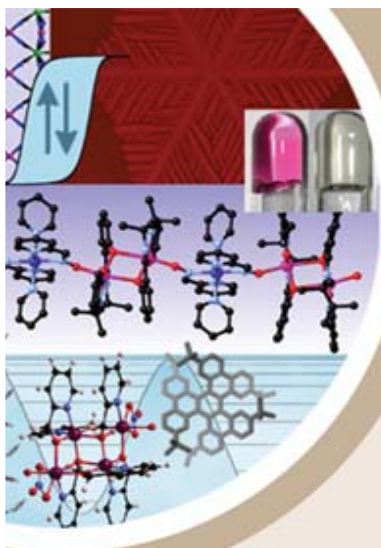
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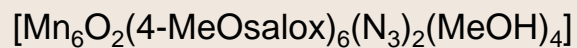
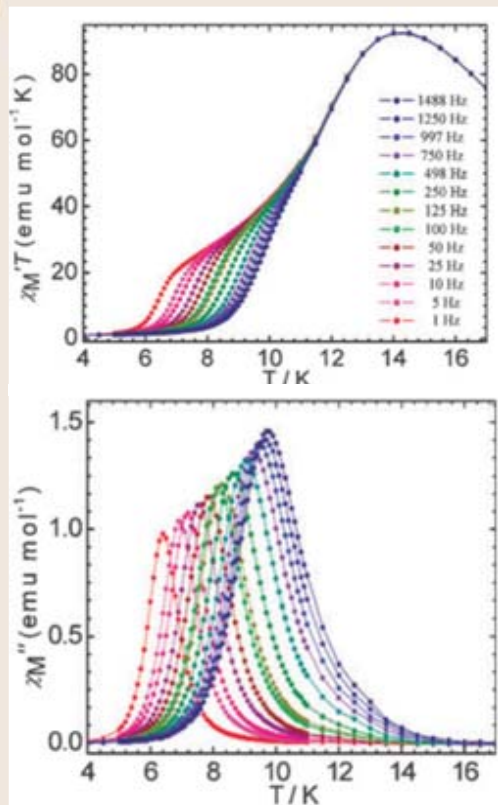
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## Single-Chain Magnets

Two selected examples of “SCM” systems:



C.-I. Yang et al. *Chem. Commun.* 2010, 46, 5716

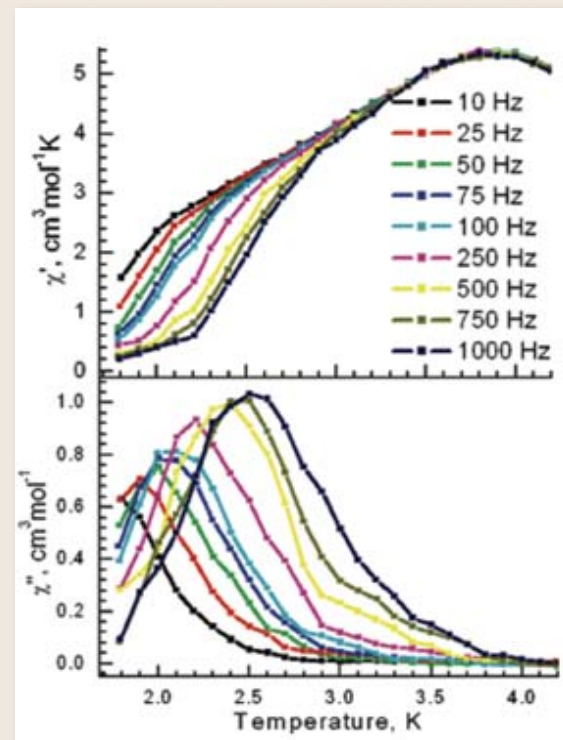
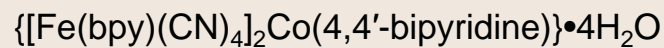
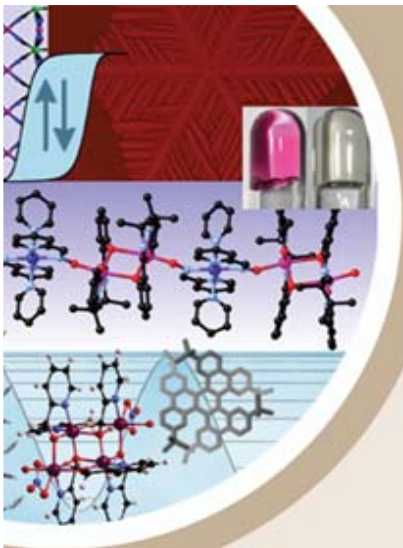


Photo-induced « SCM »...



T. Liu et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2010, 132, 8250



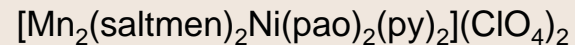
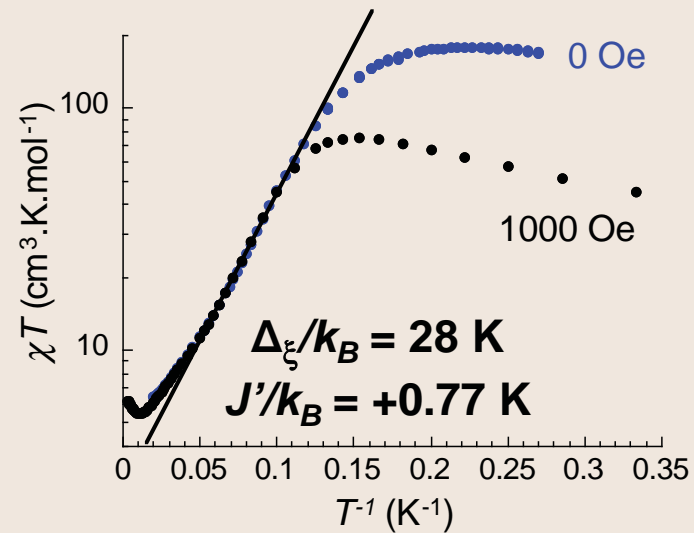
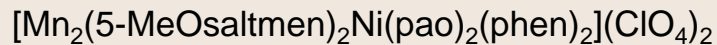
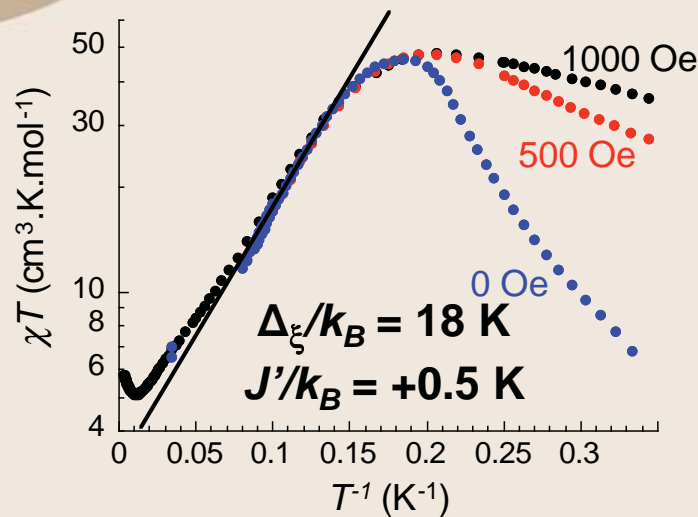
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One-dimensional correlation length:

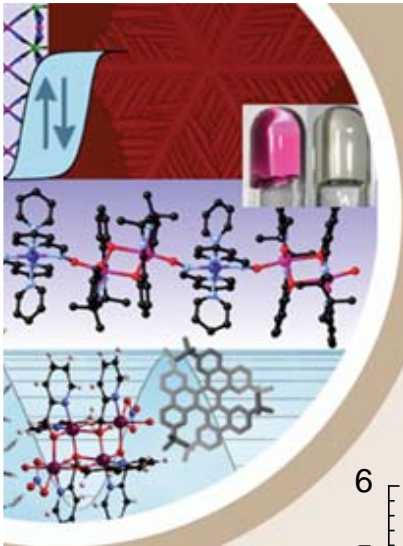
Ising Chain Model  $H = -2J' S_T^2 \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \vec{\sigma}_i \vec{\sigma}_{i+1}$

$$\chi = \frac{C_{eff}}{T} \exp\left(\frac{\Delta_\xi}{k_B T}\right) \quad \text{with } \Delta_\xi = 4J'S_T^2$$

Infinite chain regime  $\xi < L$



One dimensional properties: Single-Chain Magnet, but...



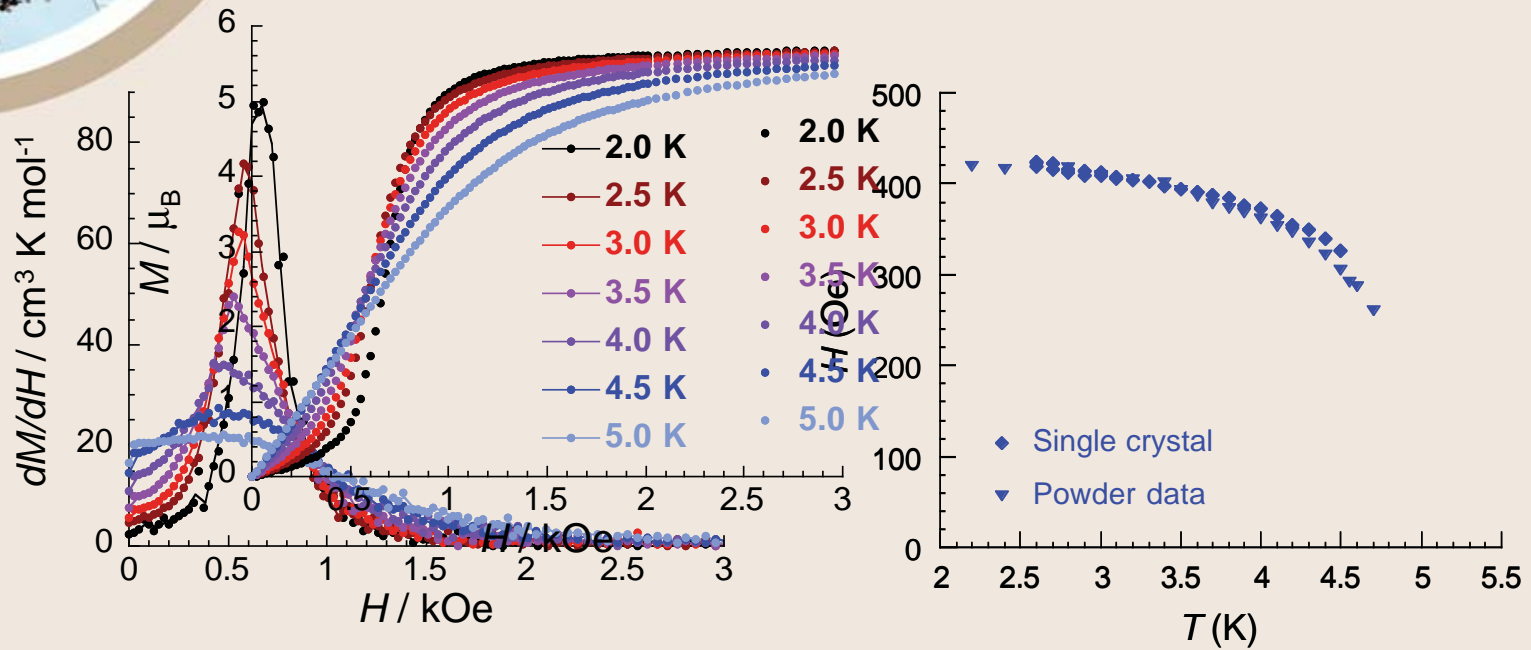
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Field dependence of the magnetization:

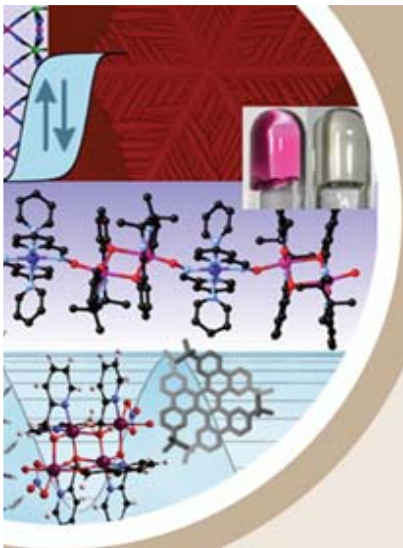


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(*T, H*) Phase diagram



Single crystal  
(easy axis)

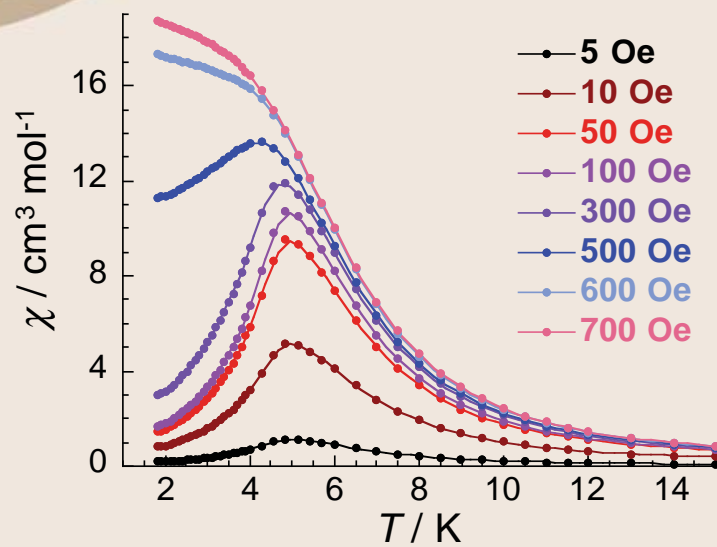


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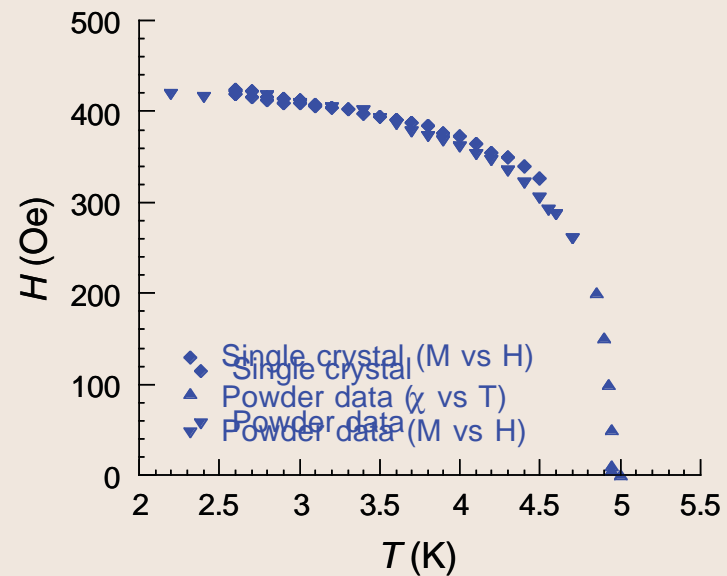
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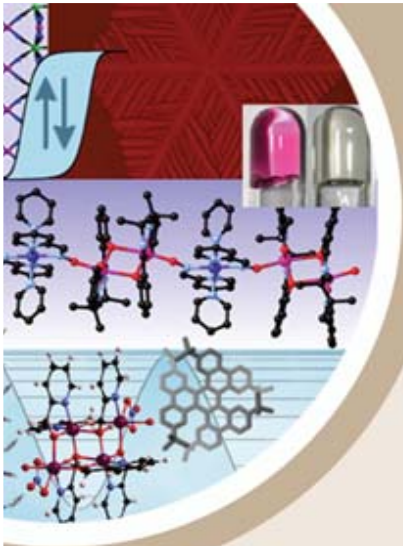
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$(H, T)$  Phase diagram



Powder measurements



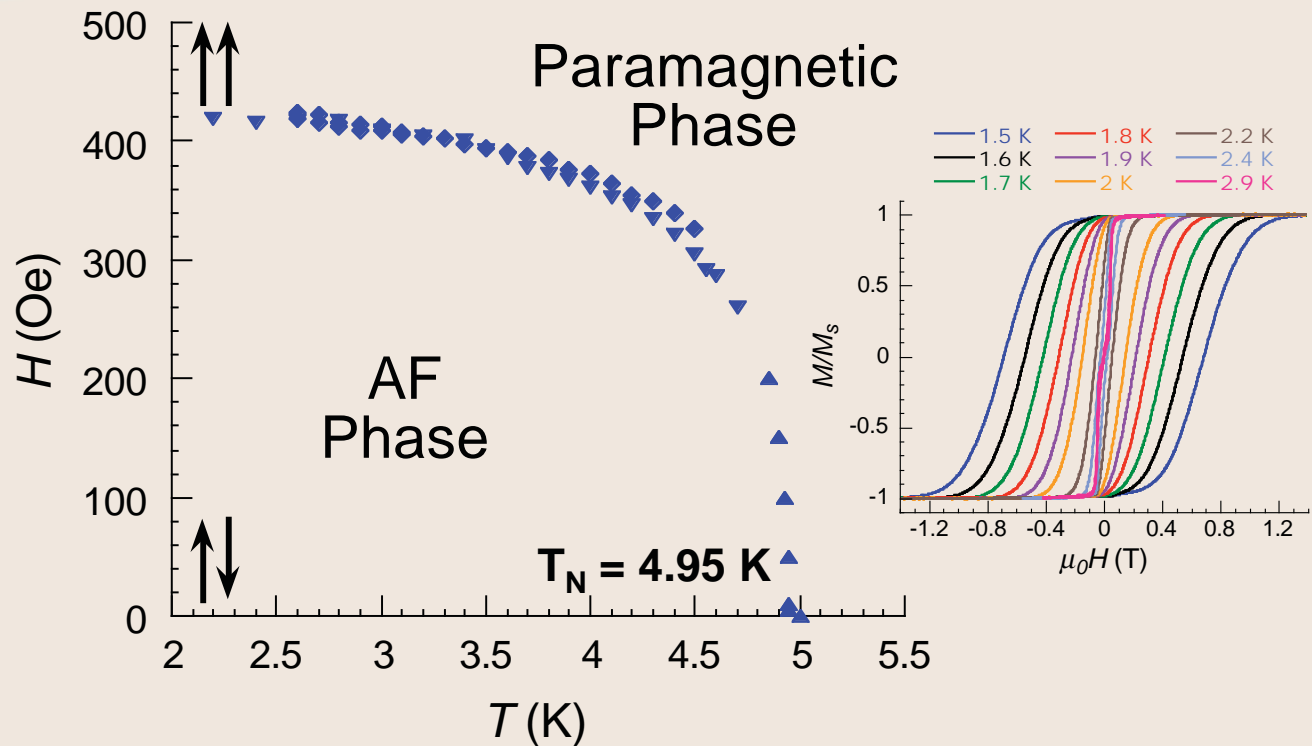


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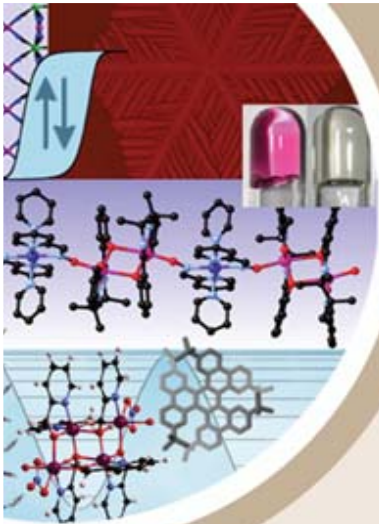
Metamagnetic behavior:



$(H, T)$  Phase diagram



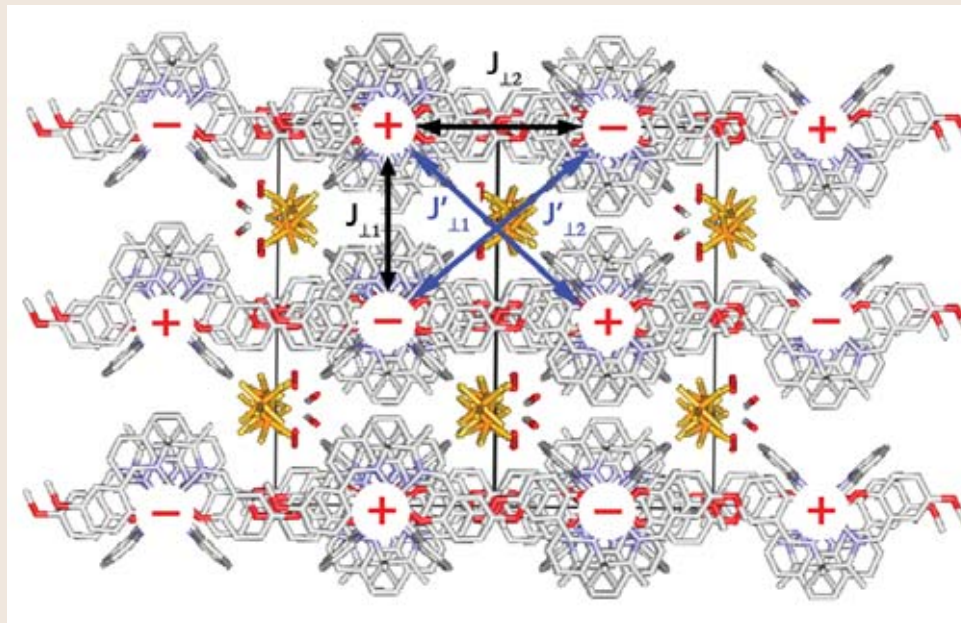
**➔ An antiferromagnetic phase... BUT also a MAGNET !!!**



## A Single-Chain Magnet behavior or not?

Two-sublattices model in the Ising limit treating the interchain interactions in the mean field approximation:

A possible magnetic structure:



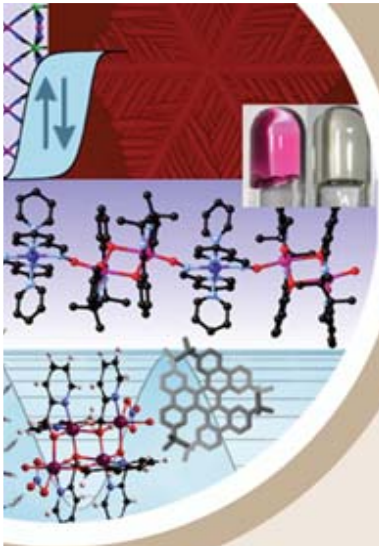
$$J_{\perp} = \frac{(J_{\perp 1} + J_{\perp 2})}{2}$$

$$J'_{\perp} = \frac{(J'_{\perp 1} + J'_{\perp 2})}{2}$$

$$\text{with } |J'_{\perp i}| < |J_{\perp i}|$$

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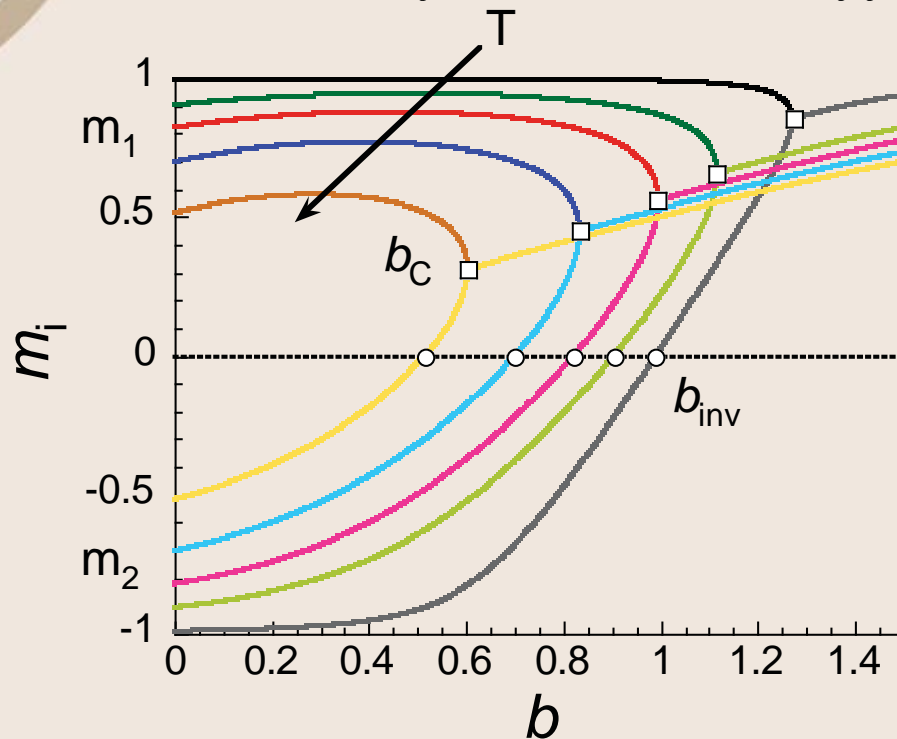




## A Single-Chain Magnet behavior or not?

Two-sublattices model in the Ising limit treating the interchain interactions in the mean field approximation:

$$H = -2J_{\parallel}S_T^2 \sum_{n,p} \sigma_{n+1,p} \sigma_{n,p} - 2J_{\perp}S_T^2 \sum_{n,p,p'} \sigma_{n,p} \sigma_{n,p'}$$

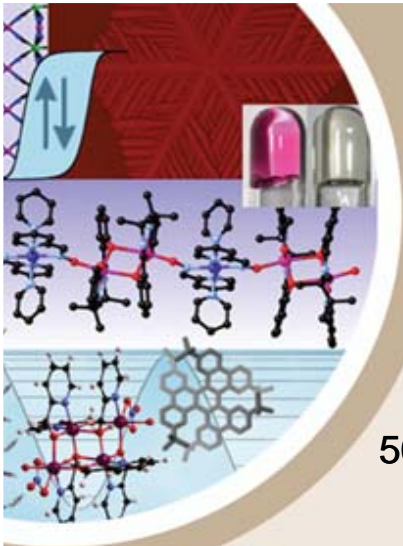


$$J_{\parallel}/k_B = J'/k_B = +0.5 \text{ K}$$

$$r = \frac{z'J'_{\perp}}{zJ_{\perp}} = 0.3$$

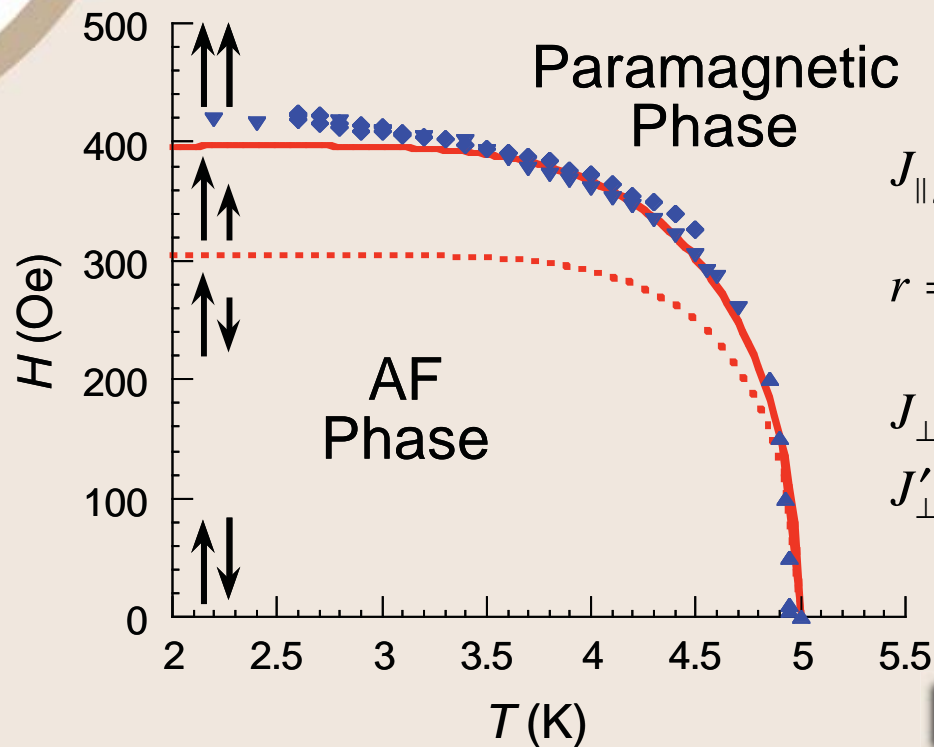
$$b = -\frac{\mu_B H}{2zJ_{\perp}S_T}$$

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## A Single-Chain Magnet behavior or not?

Two-sublattices model in the Ising limit treating the interchain magnetic interactions in the mean field approximation:



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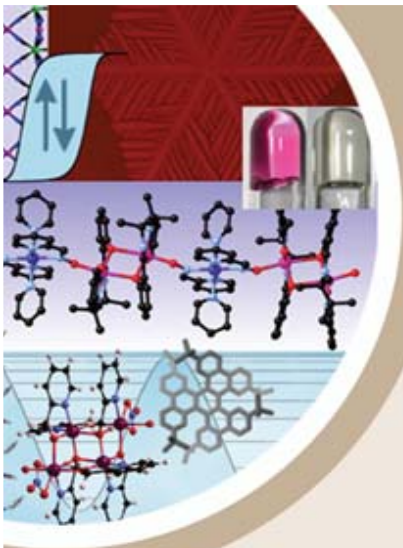
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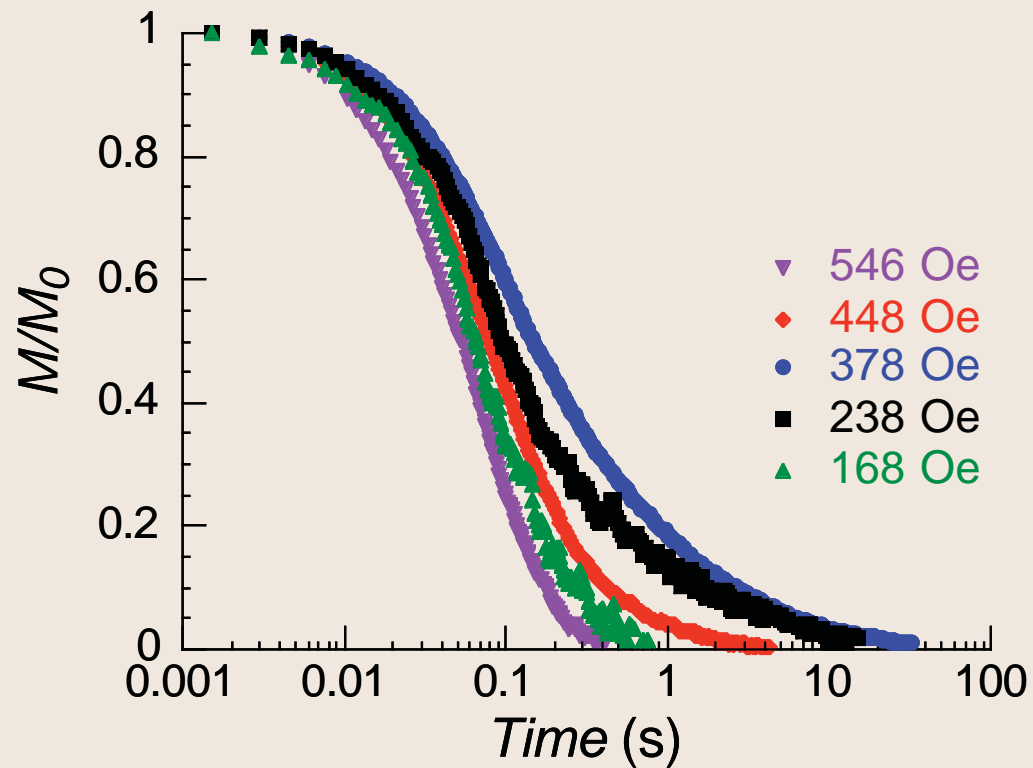
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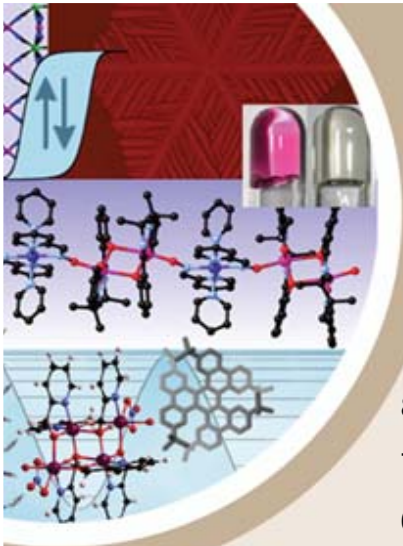
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Dynamics of the magnetization under applied dc field:

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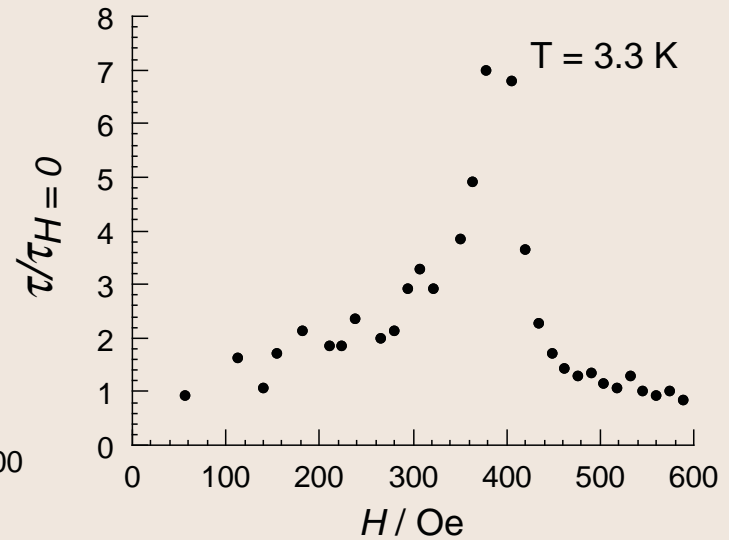
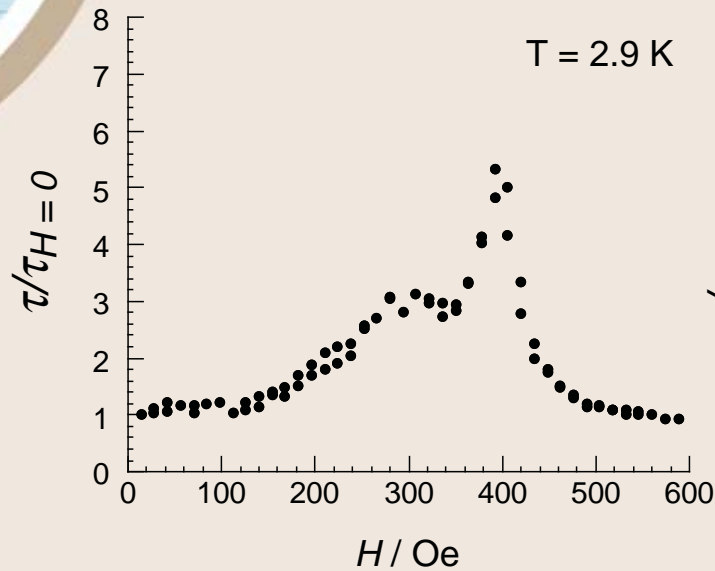


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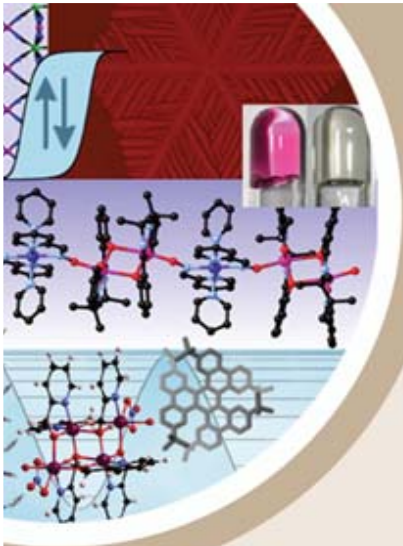
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Dynamics of the magnetization under applied dc field:



A maximum of the relaxation time is found at the critical field... maybe a second extremum...

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## A Single-Chain Magnet behavior or not?

**Dynamics of the magnetization under applied dc field:**  
**Linear response with the inter-chain interactions**  
**treated in the mean field approximation:**

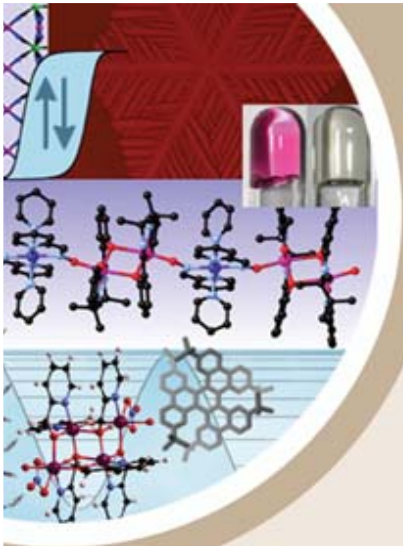
$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1-A'_1}{\tau_1} + \frac{1-A'_2}{\tau_2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \frac{1-A'_1}{\tau_1} - \frac{1-A'_2}{\tau_2} \right)^2 + 4 \frac{A_1 A_2}{\tau_1 \tau_2}}$$

$\tau_i$  are the relaxation times of the isolated chain in their effective magnetic field

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$$A_i = -(1 - m_i^2)^{3/2} \frac{4z |J_{\perp}| S_T^2}{k_B T \exp(-4J_{\parallel} S_T^2 / k_B T)}$$

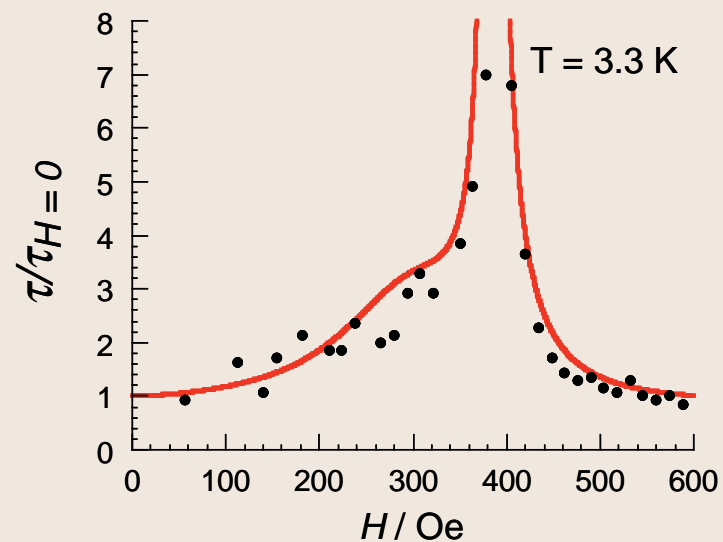
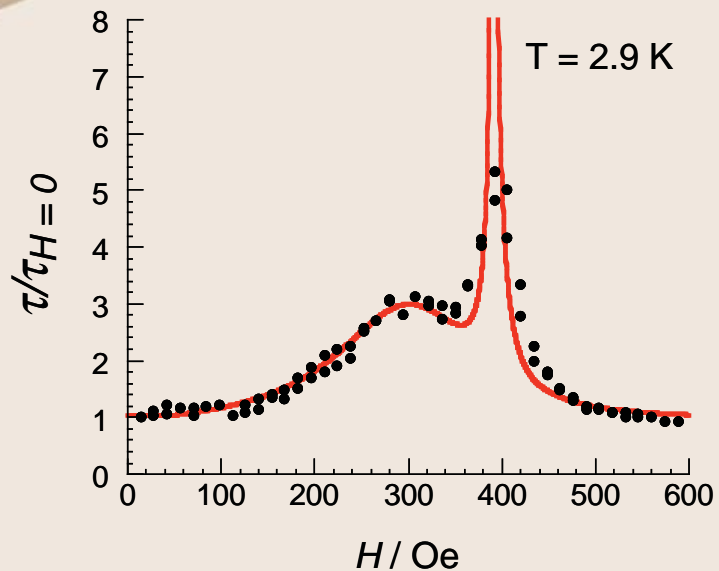
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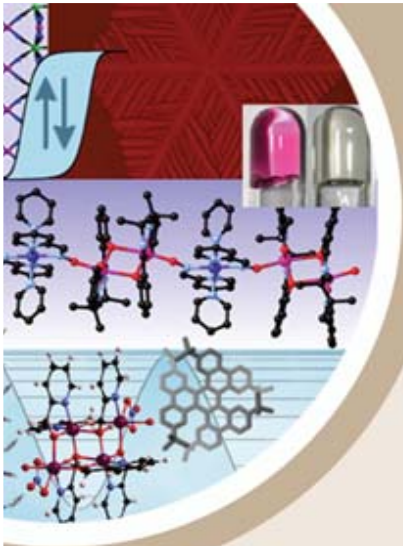
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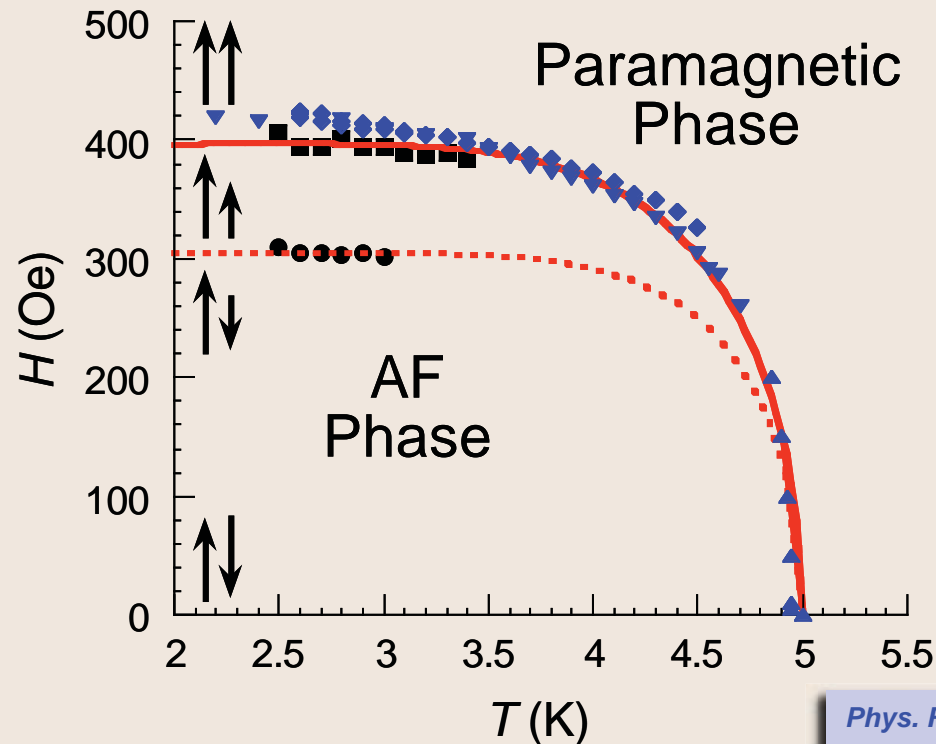
$$T_N = 5 \text{ K} \quad r = \frac{z'J'_\perp}{zJ_\perp} = 0.3 \quad J_{\parallel}/k_B = +0.5 \text{ K}$$

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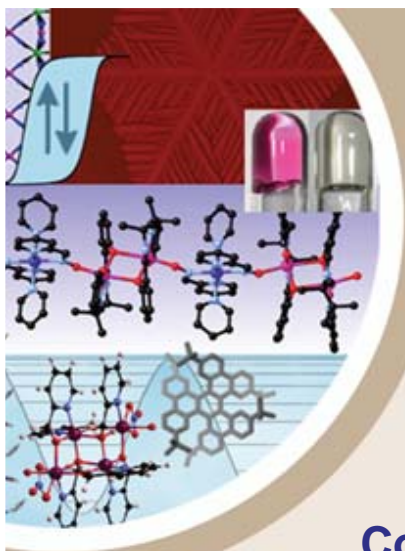
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**An antiferromagnetic ordered phase of Single-Chain Magnets**



## A Single-Chain Magnet behavior or not?

**Strictly speaking: NO**

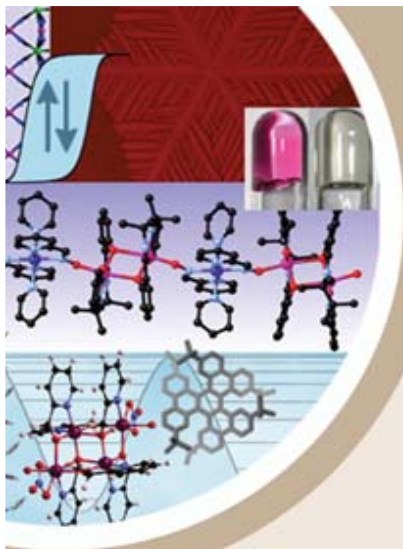
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**An 3D antiferromagnetic ordered phase  
of Single-Chain Magnets...**

**Completely described (static and dynamics properties) by a  
simple two-sublattices Ising model with the interchain  
magnetic interactions treated in the mean field approximation**

- ➔ **• The existence of an AF order does not prevent slow dynamics of the magnetization induced by the presence of Single-Chain Magnet**
- ➔ **• Slowing down of the relaxation is even observed close to the AF-Paramagnetic transition line.**
- ➔ **• Introduction of large intrachain interactions between anisotropic spins could promote high-blocking SCM-based materials independently of the presence of an ordered AF phase.**









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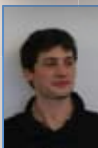
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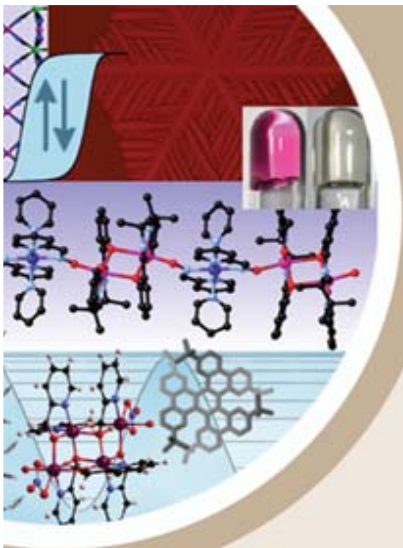
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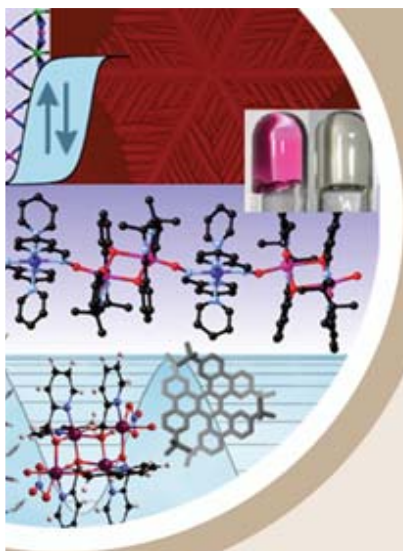
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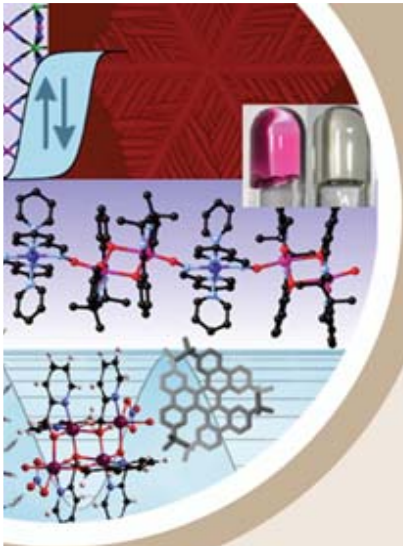
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